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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	45
COUNCIL MEETING	93/07/26

TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 JULY 21
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE File: T50
SUBJECT: VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION AND TOWING BYLAW
PURPOSE: To present the revised Vehicle Immobilization and Towing Bylaw to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT this report be received for information.

REPORT

Over the past few weeks, we have met with towing and vehicle immobilization industry representatives including Mundie's Towing, Execupark and the Automotive Retailers Association (representing Drake Towing, Low Cost Towing, Unitow and Coquitlam Towing) to discuss the proposed Vehicle Immobilization and Towing Bylaw. Our discussions with these organizations have provided the basis for changes to the proposed bylaw which has been forwarded to Council under separate cover and copies of which are available in the Licence Office. Staff have also learned that vehicle immobilization devices are used extensively for parking enforcement at B.C.I.T. and Simon Fraser University. The B.C.I.T. Student Association has gone on record against any legislation which undermines the effectiveness of V.I.D.'s.

The more significant amendments include a fee revision to reflect the use of dollies and the inclusion of the first four hours of storage in the maximum impound fee. Attached is a comparison of tow cost scenarios in Lower Mainland municipalities that regulate the towing industry. In addition, an exemption from the towaway notice requirement for removal of vehicles in fire lanes and handicapped parking spaces has been added which would enable immediate removal of vehicles illegally parked in those areas.

The revised bylaw would come into force 1994 January 01. The lot location section would come into force 1994 June 30. The revised bylaw appears for first reading on this agenda under *Bylaws*.


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DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Attach.

cc: City Solicitor
Director Admin. & Community Services
O.I.C., R.C.M.P.

VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION AND TOWING FEE COMPARISON

	BURNABY (proposed)	VANCOUVER	RICHMOND	SURREY	DELTA	NEW WESTMINSTER
IMPOUND (includes dolly)	\$ 55.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00
STORAGE - each 24 hrs. after tow	8.00 after first 4 hrs.	13.40 first day 10.00 each day following	7.00	6.50	7.25	6.00
DROP FEE	27.00	26.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	25.00
V.I.D.	35.00	prohibited	15.00	25.00	not regulated	35.00

IMPOUND COST SCENARIOS

IMPOUND WITH PICK-UP WITHIN 4 HRS.	55.00	65.40	57.00	56.50	62.25	56.00
IMPOUND WITH NEXT DAY PICK-UP	63.00	65.40	57.00	56.50	62.25	56.00
IMPOUND WITH 2 DAY PICK-UP	71.00	75.40	64.00	63.00	69.50	62.00

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