

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ANY OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CURRENTLY IN EFFECT REGARDING TOW SERVICE AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION RELATED TO THESE ITEMS BY DECEMBER 11TH, 2023. *Requested by Councilmember Brice Stewart*

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the Independence City Code regulates Abandoned Property and Tow Service; and,

WHEREAS, a recent editorial in *The Kansas City Star* indicated that an Independence-based towing company was operating illegally within the corporate boundaries of the City of Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, there may be differences between the operating standards codified by the City of Kansas City, Missouri and the City of Independence, Missouri for tow companies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to strengthen the operating standards for tow companies to protect the well-being of both Independence residents and that of the metropolitan region as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council of the City of Independence, Missouri directs the City Manager to review the City of Ordinances and all other policies and procedures currently in effect regarding tow service.

SECTION 2: That among the items the City Council wishes to be reviewed are: methods of payment to be accepted by a tow service for retrieval fees, vehicle labeling requirements for tow trucks, notification requirements to be provided to City departments prior to the removal of property by a tow company, and other best practices that, in the opinion of the City Manager, should be recommended to the City Council in order to strengthen the regulation of the tow service industry.

SECTION 3: That the City Manager will present said recommendations to the City Council no later than the December 11th, 2023 City Council Study Session.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager