



## **WRECKER COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given of a Meeting and Public Hearing of the La Porte Wrecker Committee to be held on October 7, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call of members.
3. Consider approval of the August 26, 2014, meeting minutes.
4. Conduct public hearing to consider possible action under Section 78-223 of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 93, 94, 95, and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.
  - A. Open public hearing
  - B. Staff comments
  - C. Public comments
  - D. Close public hearing
5. Consider possible action to suspend, cancel, or revoke wrecker permit numbers 93, 94, 95, and 96 issued to Taylor Towing.
6. Review and discuss Section 78-301 of the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances related to issuance of auto wrecker permits.
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee comments on matters appearing on agenda or inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy.
9. Adjourn

A quorum of City Council members may be present and participate in discussions during this meeting; however, no action will be taken by Council.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that a copy of the October 7, 2014, agenda of items to be considered by the City of La Porte Wrecker Committee was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Out of consideration for all attendees of the meeting, please turn off all cell phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.**

**City of La Porte  
Wrecker Committee**

**Minutes of August 26, 2014**

Committee Members Present: Planning Director Tim Tietjens (designated representative of the City Manager), Asst. Police Chief Ron Parker (for Lt. Gary Rice, designated representative of the Police Chief), and Sharon Harris (for City Secretary Patrice Fogarty)

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Attorney Clark Askins, Chief Building Official Mark Huber, and Office Coordinator Peggy Lee

1. Call to order.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Tietjens at 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll call of members.

Tim Tietjens, Sharon Harris, and Ron Parker were present for roll call.

3. Consider approval of the July 29, 2014, meeting minutes.

**Motion by Ron Parker to approve the Minutes of July 29, 2014.**

**Second by Sharon Harris. Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Continue public hearing to receive input on a request by Industrial Transportation and Towing LLC for issuance of two (2) emergency auto wrecker permits, under section 78-297 of the La Porte Code of Ordinances.

A. Open public hearing

The public hearing, continued from the July 29, 2014, meeting, was opened by Chairman Tietjens at 3:02 p.m.

B. Staff comments

Mark Huber reported the applicant, Industrial Transportation and Towing, had addressed all outstanding items noted at the previous meeting, which included 1) repairing the fence to bring it into compliance; and 2) application of an asphalt coating in accordance with the approved site plan.

C. Public comments

There were no public comments.

D. Close public hearing

Chairman Tietjens closed the public hearing at 3:03 p.m.

5. Consider approval or other action regarding issuance of two (2) emergency auto wrecker permits for Industrial Transportation and Towing LLC.

**Motion by Ron Parker to approve the issuance of two (2) emergency auto wrecker permits for Industrial Transportation and Towing LLC.**

**Second by Sharon Harris. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Administrative Reports

There were no administrative reports.

7. Committee comments on matters appearing on agenda or inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy.

Sharon Harris, on behalf of Committee Member Patrice Fogarty, stated Ms. Fogarty had stated she would be in favor of granting the requested permits so long as all of the outstanding issues had been addressed.

8. Adjourn.

**Motion by Ron Parker to adjourn the meeting.**

**Second by Sharon Harris.**

Chairman Tietjens adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Wrecker Call Analysis – January 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014 (Seven Months)

Analysis will show: Calls accepted and calls that were canceled and why (as indicated on PD wrecker log)

Vendors will be in alphabetical order as shown on the PD Wrecker Log or...

Charlie Hinds, LP Automotive, LP Towing and Taylor Towing...

**Charlie Hinds**

Calls accepted = 208

Calls canceled = 59

Reasons for call cancellation as listed on PD Wrecker Log:

(immediate pass, called two times, no answer), (passed, no answer, went to VM), (back on rotation, towed PD vehicle at no charge), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, driver enroute), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, busy signal several times), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 662), (canceled by PD – Accident???), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no answer), (canceled by PD, no answer), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 637), (canceled by PD, no answer), (canceled by PD, back on top, driver showed up for vehicle), (canceled by PD, owner showed up), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 674), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no answer after two calls), (canceled by PD, no answer), (canceled, immediate pass), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no answer), (immediate pass, no heavy-duty wrecker), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 630), (canceled by PD, disregarded), (canceled by PD, no answer), (canceled by PD, error on wrecker log), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, driver showed up), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled, immediate pass), (canceled by PD, got vehicle out???), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled by PD, officer passed wrecker), (canceled by PD, owner showed up), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 639), (canceled, immediate pass), (canceled, immediate pass), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, no reason listed), (canceled by PD, error on rotation list), (canceled by PD, back on top authority 638), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled, delayed pass), (canceled by PD, passed???)

Total calls accepted = 208

Total calls logged on PD Wrecker Log = 267

% of Total Calls Accepted = 78%

% of Total Calls Canceled, Passed etc. = 22%

## La Porte Automotive

Calls accepted = 167

Calls canceled = 91

Reason for call cancellation as listed on PD Wrecker Log:

(call cancelled by PD, called four times, no answer), (call cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD by officer request), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer after three calls), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, courtesy tow, back on top), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, time expired), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer after two calls), (cancelled, company passed call), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, refused to take call), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, refused to take call), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (cancelled, but put back on top since the call was for outside agency), (cancelled by PD authority 662), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), cancelled, immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no reason given, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer after two calls), (cancelled, time expired), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, vendor passed call), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass, no answer), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, too long of an ETA), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, vendor passed on call), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, courtesy tow, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (immediate pass, no heavy duty wrecker), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by officer, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD while wrecker was enroute), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, refused call), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, vendor unable to start wrecker), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer after two calls), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, immediate pass, wrecker out of town), (cancelled by PD, owner moved vehicle, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, accidental???), (cancelled by PD, refused to take, did not answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, vendor passed call), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed).

Total calls accepted = 167

Total calls logged on PD Wrecker Log = 258

% of Total Calls Accepted = 65%

% of Total Calls Cancelled, Passed, etc. = 35%

## La Porte Towing

Calls accepted = 176

Calls cancelled = 75

Reason for call cancellation as listed on PD Wrecker Log:

(cancelled by PD, called four times, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, called two time, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by vendor, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, wrong call???), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by vendor, refused to take call), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by vendor, passed call), (cancelled by PD at owners request), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, response time expired), (cancelled by PD, phone going to VM), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled, immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, vendor passed the call), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, vendor passed the call), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD and put back on top), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD and placed back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no heavy duty wrecker), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, response time expired), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled, immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled, immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer),

Total calls accepted = 176

Total calls logged on PD Wrecker Log = 251

% of Total Calls Accepted = 70%

% of Total Calls Cancelled, Passed, etc. = 30%



## Taylor Towing

Calls accepted = 117

Calls cancelled = 132

Reason for call cancellation as listed on PD Wrecker Log:

(immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, courtesy tow, put back on top), (cancelled by vendor, no wrecker available), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer after 3 calls), (cancelled by vendor, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, response time expired), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, response time expired), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (immediate pass), (immediate pass), (immediate pass, wrecker tied up in Houston), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, vendor passed the call), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, busy signal on 3 call attempts), (cancelled by PD, vendor refused to take the call), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (immediate pass), (immediate pass, driver is in Dickinson), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (vendor chose to pass the call), (immediate pass), (vendor chose to pass the call), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled, wrecker waited for the allowable 20 minute response time, then advised they could not make the call), (immediate pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass, no heavy duty wrecker), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (vendor passed the call), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled, delayed pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (immediate pass), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, refused to take the call), (immediate pass), (cancelled, vendor passed the call), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, vendor refused to take the call), (cancelled, vendor passed the call), (cancelled by PD, back on top), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled, vendor passed the call), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, no wrecker available), (cancelled, refused the call), (Immediate pass), (immediate pass, no answer), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed), (cancelled, refused call), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass, no driver), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (immediate pass), (immediate pass), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, vendor passed the call), (cancelled by PD, wrecker advised he was stuck in traffic), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no reason listed),

(immediate pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (immediate pass), (cancelled by PD, response time expired), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (cancelled, delayed pass), (refused call, no driver available), (vendor passed the call), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (immediate pass, no wrecker available), (vendor pass the call), (vendor refused to take the call), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled, delayed pass), (cancelled by PD, no answer), (vendor passed the call).

Total calls accepted = 117

Total calls logged on PD Wrecker Log = 249

% of Total Calls Accepted = 47%

% of Total Calls Cancelled, Passed etc. = 53%

## **Sec. 78-301. Issuance.**

After the owner has filed his application for an auto wrecker permit, a hearing has been held, the applicant has been approved by the wrecker committee, the applicant has filed the required insurance, the auto wrecker to be permitted has been presented to the police department for an inspection, the auto wrecker has passed such inspection, a certificate of passage of inspection has been presented by the police department to the chief building official, and the city secretary and city attorney have examined same and found them to be in compliance with the terms of this article, the city secretary shall issue to the owner a permit to operate an auto wrecker in the city upon the public streets, which permit shall bear upon its face the make, model, motor number, permit number and the license number of the auto wrecker. Such permits shall be issued by the city secretary upon authorization of the wrecker committee, and shall be delivered to the applicant. In addition thereto, the city shall deliver a vehicle sticker indicating the permit number and permit expiration date, which shall be displayed on the front windshield of the wrecker, immediately above the inspection sticker. Such stickers shall be color coded, and issued at the beginning of each permit year during the required annual inspection. Auto wrecker permits are and shall always remain the property of the city. In the event of suspension or revocation of a permit, for any cause, it shall be unlawful for the owner of the permit to retain such permit, and he shall cause the permit to be destroyed or surrendered to the city secretary immediately upon notification of such suspension or revocation, as is feasible.

*(Code 1970, § 6-12; Ord. No. 1746, § 1(6-12), 2-25-91; Ord. No. 96-2136, § 1(6-12), 9-23-96; Ord. No. 2136-A, § 9, 1-22-07; Ord. No. 3320, § 4, 2-14-11)*