



# City of Santa Barbara

## Police Department

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DATE: June 18, 2018  
TO: Santa Barbara Fire & Police Commission  
FROM: Investigator E. Ragsdale, Tow Compliance Officer  
SUBJECT: Agenda Items & Recommendations

Commissioners,

There are three items that will be presented to you during the monthly meeting on June, 28, 2018. These three items are listed below with recommendations from the Santa Barbara Police Department. These items have been reviewed by the Chief of Police and The Santa Barbara City Attorney's Office. These are only recommendations and the decision to approve or deny these, is solely at the discretion of the Fire & Police Commissioners.

### Item 1: Smitty's Towing Services - Special Equipment Price List

Smitty's Towing is requesting approval for special equipment pricing. Should the Santa Barbara Police Department call upon Smitty's Towing to use "special equipment" these prices listed would be the current rate the City of Santa Barbara would be charged if the services were needed and approved by the Chief of Police or her designee.

**Recommendation: Approve Special Equipment Price List.**

### Item 2: Thomas Towing Services – New Ownership Proposal

Thomas Towing is requesting the Fire & Police Commission to approve new ownership for the towing company. The current managers, Kristina Duckworth and Santiago Perez would be taking ownership of Thomas Towing. There would be no name change to the company or laps in services provided to the Police Department. Thomas Towing has been in good standing with the Police Department for many years and has provided excellent service. They are currently operating this new business model on a temporary basis that was approved by the Chief of Police, Santa Barbara County Sherriff's Office and The California Highway Patrol. There have been no discrepancies or problems. The rules governing new ownership can be found under Chapter 2 of the Rotation List Rules and Regulations.

**Recommendation: Approve New Ownership Proposal.**

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Item 3: Santa Barbara Towing Services – Indefinite Suspension

It has come to the attention of the Santa Barbara Police Department that Santa Barbara Towing is currently under two separate investigations concerning criminal and civil matters.

The first investigation pertains to 16 separate Santa Barbara Municipal Code Violations. This investigation is currently active and is being conducted by The City of Santa Barbara, Community Development Department.

There is also a second investigation that is currently active and being conducted by the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office that involves Consumer Fraud.

**Recommendation: Suspend Indefinitely**

Due to the severity of these two separate investigations, it is the recommendation of the Santa Barbara Police Department that Santa Barbara Towing be suspended indefinitely from the Police Department Tow Rotation Roster. Once these matters have been fully concluded, Santa Barbara Towing can re-apply and request to be placed back on the Tow Rotation Roster pending approval from the Chief of Police and the Fire and Police Commission.

Included in this document packet is a copy of the current Santa Barbara Fire & Police Commissioners Tow Rotation Rules and Regulations.

Thank you for your consideration,

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