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Title for Recommendation

Remuneration for Not-at-Fault Vehicle Impounds

Recommendation

The City should offer remuneration for the impound and transport of vehicles involved in criminal investigations when the owner of the vehicle is not at fault.

Reason for Recommendation/Supporting Research

A Councilmember recounted an experience in which a relative was involved in a shooting as a bystander. The APD Investigative Unit needed his car to check the bullet rounds, to see if they were involved in any other crimes. He was told that his car would need to be impounded for a number of days and that he would not be able to drive it in, they would have to have it towed as to not compromise any evidence. A tow company came to pick up the car, and it was held for x-number of days and then he was called to be informed that the car was cleared and that they could pick it up... But they were unaware of where it was.

After locating the car, the man was informed that he had a large bill due for two towing charges and lot storage. We feel that there should be some type of a fund for residents who had their cars involved in an investigation to defray the costs involved with towing and storage, or alternatively, the city should have a wrecker and operate a lot to make these services without charge, as the charges can add up quickly and become a burden to citizens who may already be financially strapped.

Problem, when cars are transported to the Crime lab in APD investigations that are of no fault of the vehicle, they accrue costly fees for the transport and storage of the vehicle, which must be paid to release the vehicle. This cost could be prohibitive to poorer city residents, and the loss of transportation could effect their lives and work-schedules.

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