



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

TO: Richmond City Council
FROM: Sandra Tokarczyk
Manager, Community Bylaws
RE: **Revision of Towing Rates**

TO GENERAL PURPOSES - JUNE 4, 2001
DATE: May 31, 2001
FILE: 8060-20-7220

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Vehicle for Hire Regulation Bylaw No. 6900, Amendment Bylaw No. 7220 be introduced and given first, second, and third readings.

[Signature]
Sandra Tokarczyk
Manager, Community Bylaws

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STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

At the Community Safety Committee meeting on May 17, 2001, the Law Department was directed to prepare an amendment to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw No. 6900 to revise towing rates and clarify towing procedures as outlined in the report dated May 8, 2001.

ANALYSIS

Towing rates are currently set by Council in the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw. There is also provincial legislation which also sets rates for towing. Rather than having Council regularly review and revise towing rates, staff are recommending that the bylaw refer to the provincial Motor Vehicle Act Regulations for the applicable rates to be charged for towing. This would achieve region-wide consistency and be in keeping with the City's policy to 'Blow Out Bureaucracy'.

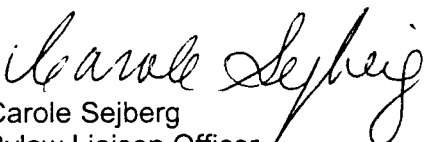
The proposed bylaw amendment sets the maximum rates for towing, impounding, and storing vehicles as those set out in the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations. It also permits towing companies to charge a vehicle release fee (or "drop fee") where a vehicle has been attached to a tow-truck and the owner interferes with the towing, eg. by getting into the vehicle to prevent it from being towed. This fee is also tied to the Regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the City.

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendments to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw No. 6900 would eliminate the need to regularly review and revise towing rates and are consistent with the City's 'Blow Out Bureaucracy' strategic initiative. These amendments are also a step toward creating uniform rates across all Lower Mainland jurisdictions.


Carole Sejberg
Bylaw Liaison Officer

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BYLAW 7220

VEHICLE FOR HIRE REGULATION BYLAW NO. 6900, AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 7220

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Clause (c) of subsection 3.7.1 is amended by deleting "the fee shown in section 3 of Schedule 1 which is attached to and forms a part of this bylaw," and substituting "a fee of \$5.00 per trunk".
2. Clause (b) of subsection 6.3.10 is amended by deleting "shown in section 2 of Schedule 1" and substituting "charged under section 43.05 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations for towing Category I vehicles for up to six (6) kilometres".
3. Subsection 6.3.10A is added as follows:

6.3.10A Where a vehicle is attached to a tow-truck and the owner or occupant interferes with the towing of the vehicle, the tow-truck **licenceee** or **operator** may charge the vehicle release fee referred to in clause (b) of subsection 6.3.10.
4. Subsection 6.3.7 is amended by adding "and subsection 6.3.10A" after "subsection 6.3.10".
5. Clause (d) of subsection 6.5.1 is amended by deleting "Schedule 1" and substituting "subsection 6.6.1".
6. Subsections 6.6.1 and 6.6.2 are deleted and the following substituted:

6.6.1 The maximum rates for towing, impounding, and storing vehicles are those set out in section 43.05 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.
7. Subsection 6.6.3 is re-numbered 6.6.2 and "Schedule I" is deleted and substituted with "section 43.05 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations".
8. Clause (c) of subsection 6.8.1 is amended by deleting "Schedule 1" and substituting "section 43.05 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations".
9. Schedule 1 is deleted and Schedule 2 is renumbered Schedule 1.
10. All references to "Schedule 2" are deleted and substituted with "Schedule 1".
11. This Bylaw is cited as "**Vehicle For Hire Regulation Bylaw No. 6900, Amendment Bylaw No. 7220**".

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
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APPROVED for legality by Solicitor

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