



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Sheriff  
Department No.: 032  
For Agenda Of: 02/05/08  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes on 2/19/08  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Sheriff Bill Brown  
Director  
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**SUBJECT: Resolution to Adopt Revised Administrative Fees related to the Towing, Storage and Release of Motor Vehicles**

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**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing on February 19, 2008 to consider and adopt a Resolution setting the administration fees for the processing of removal, impound, storage and release of motor vehicles.

**Summary Text:**

The Sheriff's Department expends a significant amount of staff time processing the towing and storage of vehicles for persons arrested and abandoned vehicles. Under current policy (94-469), the department is allowed to charge \$45 per tow to recover a portion of the administrative costs incurred in the activity. The department proposes to increase the fee to capture the allowable administrative costs associated with the department's towing activities, consistent with State law and the County's fee policy.

**Background:**

Vehicle Code § 22850.5(a) provides the legal authority for a fee to recover "...administrative costs relating to the removal, impound, storage, or release of the vehicles."

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