

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID BOETTGER, LIEUTENANT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: GRANT OF TOW FRANCHISES TO ONE TOW VENDOR FOR
POLICE-GENERATED TOW OPERATIONS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) grant a police generated vehicle tow franchise to tow operator Gaba Corp pursuant to Chapter 6-84 of the Santa Rosa City Code for police-generated tow operations; 2) authorize a tow agreement with Gaba Corp in substantially the form of Exhibit A to the resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and 3) authorize the Chief of Police or designee to execute the tow agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Police Department recommends the grant of tow franchise and approval of the following additional tow company to the rotational tow vendor franchisee for police-generated tow operations:

- Gaba Corp

In addition, the Police Department recommends that Council approve and delegate authority to the Police Chief or his designee to execute a tow agreement with Gaba Corp in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A to the resolution. The tow agreement is the City's standard form agreement, approved by Council in 2018.

BACKGROUND

1. On July 13, 2004, the City of Santa Rosa adopted Ordinance No. 3674 of the Santa Rosa City Code authorizing the City Council to grant franchises to one or more tow operators for police generated tow services. A \$30,000 total franchise fee was set at the time and split between 11 franchisees, resulting in a fee of \$2,727.

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2. On August 30, 2017, Resolution No. 28850 granted vehicle tow franchises and authorized franchise agreements with various two vendors and changed the franchise fee to a \$300 per tow vendor.
3. On July 17, 2018, Council granted vehicle tow franchises and authorized franchise agreements with various tow vendors.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

July 13, 2004 – Resolution No. 26019 adopting City Ordinance No. 3674 authorizing the Council to grant franchises to one or more tow operators for police-generated tows.

July 17, 2018 – Resolution No. 2018-118 granted vehicle tow franchises and authorized franchise agreements with various tow vendors.

ANALYSIS

1. One local tow company, Gaba Corp, approached the City, wishing to be added to the rotational tow franchise list used by the City for various tow services. Their franchise agreement would utilize the City's standard form for tow agreements that has been reviewed and approved.
2. The addition of Gaba Corp as a tow companies to the rotational list will provide a wider base of businesses to draw from when the need for tow services arises.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

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ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution / Exhibit A – Form of Franchise Agreement for Vehicle Tow Services

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