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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill # 08-0233

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TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

DATE: December 19, 2008

Attention: Karen Randle

City Council Bill # 08-0233 would extend certain licensure requirements to include those who provide tow services with permission of the owner or operator of a vehicle; increasing the penalties for violation of the laws, rule, or regulations governing tow services; requiring that certain photographs be taken and retained before towing a vehicle for violating parking restrictions of a private parking facility; increasing the penalties for violation of the laws governing the towing of vehicles from private parking facilities; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of tow services.

The Bill increases penalties for violation of the laws, rule, or regulations governing tow services from "not less than \$50 nor more than \$500" to "not more than \$1,000."

The Bill also increases penalties for violation of the laws governing the towing of vehicles from private parking facilities from "not more then \$200" to "not more than \$1,000."

The bill is not expected to result in additional operating expenses for any City agency. The City does not have current data on penalties for unauthorized towing, so an estimate of revenue impact is not possible. Larger penalties and civil citation amounts are intended to deter unauthorized towing.

The Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of the bill.

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