

# Ordinance

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 Committee Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tracking #: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Agenda Date: \_\_\_\_\_
**CITY CLERK USE ONLY**
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Date: 07.26.2023

☐ Posted

Item #: 2307.01647

**All department items requiring Council approval must be submitted through the Mayor's Office.**

## Primary Details

Dept. Tracking No.

2023-01 Code

Board Approval

Other Board Name

City Council Approval

☒ Yes ☐ No

Department DCE  
 Working in Neighborhoods

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Subject (Description)  
 Ordinance for towing vehicles-Title 37

Ordinance Type  
 Other

Section

Township

Range

Lot

Block

Address

BA / CT Number

Amending Ord. No.

TRO Title No.  
 37

TRO Subtitle  
 519

Property/Non-Property  
 Non-Property

e.g. 43

e.g. G

Council District

Zoning No.

PUD No.

Planning District

## Budget

Funding Source(s)

**TOTAL:**

Enter the funding source(s) using the appropriate Munis funding format: Org (Allocation Code)-Object-Amount (1001211-531401-\$10.00) or Project String-Amount (144104.AbstTitle5413102.6001-4043122-541102-\$30,000.01)

## Approvals

Department:

Legal:

Board:

Mayor:

Other:

Date:

Date:

Date:

Date:

Date:

**APPROVED**

By Brant Pitchford at 3:06 pm, Jul 20, 2023

7-25-23

JUL 26 2023

## Policy Statement

### Background Information

Historically, Code Enforcement used Title 24, TRO, the Nuisance Code for towing inoperable or abandoned vehicles from the street. This process requires a ten day notice. For inoperable or abandoned vehicles which pose a hazard or should otherwise be removed after a 24 hour notice is posted, a police officer must authorize impoundment of the vehicle per state law.

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*Provide background information on the requested action.*

### Summation of the Requested Action

Due to state law requirements, Code Enforcement is requesting an amendment to Title 37, Section 519, TRO, to allow Code Enforcement Officers to assist the Tulsa Police Department by marking inoperable or abandoned vehicles, or vehicles which pose a hazard due to where they are parked, after an initial period of 24 hours, by posting a 24 hour notice to remove the vehicle. After the 24 hour notice period, a Tulsa Police Officer can authorize towing and impoundment of a vehicle.

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*Summarize the pertinent details of the requested action.*

### Emergency Clause?

### Reason for Emergency Clause

☐ Yes

☒ No

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*Explain why you are requesting that the City Council approve this action with an emergency clause.*

## Processing Information for City Clerk's Office

### Post Execution Processing

- ☐ Mail vendor copy (add'l signature copies attached)
- ☐ Must be filed with other governmental entity
- ☐ Add'l governmental entity approval(s) required

### Additional Routing and Processing Details

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\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 519, “PARKING IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS” OF CHAPTER 5, “STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING REGULATIONS” OF TITLE 37, “TULSA REVISED TRAFFIC CODE” OF TULSA REVISED ORDINANCES (TRO); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TULSA:**

*Section 1. That Section 519, Titled “Parking in Excess of Twenty-four Hours”, of Chapter 5, Titled “Stopping, Standing and Parking Regulations”, of Title 37, Titled “Tulsa Revised Traffic Code” of Tulsa Revised Ordinances (“TRO”), be and the same is hereby amended and which shall recite in its entirety as follows (underlined text is the language amending Section 519):*

“Section 519. - Parking in excess of twenty-four hours.

No person, operator or owner shall park or permit to be parked or left standing on any public street, alley or other public way any vehicle unattended for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours. A vehicle parked in excess of twenty-four (24) hours is hereby declared one endangering or threatening the public safety and convenience and impeding or likely to impede the efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Any police officer or code enforcement officer believing any vehicle to be so parked shall post a red sticker notice in a prominent place upon such vehicle and, if after twenty-four (24) hours the vehicle is not moved, it may be impounded or caused to be impounded by any police officer or other person duly authorized. For the purposes of this section, “code enforcement officer” is defined as an employee of the City of Tulsa, other than a police officer, authorized to investigate and enforce violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, through administrative procedures set forth by ordinance or by issuing municipal citations.”

*Section 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.*

**Section 3.** REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. *That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are now expressly repealed.*

**Section 4.** EMERGENCY CLAUSE. *That an emergency is now declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and by reason whereof this Ordinance shall become effective immediately from and after its adoption, approval and publication.*

Adopted by the Council \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Council

ADOPTED as an emergency measure, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of the Council

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Received by the Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_.  
Date Time

G. T. Bynum, Mayor

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma: \_\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

(Seal)

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Approved:

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City Attorney  
OK-JMS