

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF MEMPHIS PERMITS OFFICE
PROMULGATE A SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE
OBSERVED BY LICENSED WRECKER OWNERS AND OPERATORS OPERATING
IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**

WHEREAS, Section 41-18 of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances specifies that the City of Memphis Permits Office shall promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations describing in detail the procedures to be observed by licensed wrecker owners and operators who tow vehicles within the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, currently, there seems to exist no such set of rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Council received numerous complaints of certain local wrecker owners and operators initiating tows and charging fees in violation of the provisions of Chapter 41 of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances, which regulates non-consensual wreckers and towing operators within the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the procedures and standards to be followed by wreckers and towing operators in the City, and the processes and penalties to be prescribed when these procedures and standards are violated, should be clearly set forth for both the Permits Office and the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 41-18 also provides that once the Permits Office promulgates a set of rules and regulations describing the procedures to be observed by licensed wrecker owners and operators within the City of Memphis, after a period of advise and comment, such rules and regulations shall be submitted to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis City Council does hereby request the City of Memphis Permits Office to promulgate a complete set of rules and regulations describing in detail the procedures to be observed by licensed wrecker owners and operators who tow vehicles within the City of Memphis, and to submit the same to the Council for review by the date of the Council’s meeting on January 23, 2023.

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