

## OMB Granicus Review

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------|---------|
| <b>Granicus Title</b> | Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 122, related to the County Towing Ordinance |                    |  |             |         |
| <b>Granicus ID#</b>   | 26-1051A                                                                                         | <b>Reference #</b> |  | <b>Date</b> | 6/22/26 |

**Mark all Applicable Boxes:**

| Type of Review |  |              |  |              |          |                |  |                |  |
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| <b>CIP</b>     |  | <b>Grant</b> |  | <b>Other</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>Revenue</b> |  | <b>Project</b> |  |

**Fiscal Information:**

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|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>New Contract (Y/N)</b> | N  | <b>Original Amount</b>                      | NA                                                        |
| <b>Fund(s)</b>            | NA | <b>Amount of Change (+/-)</b>               | NA                                                        |
| <b>Cost Center(s)</b>     | NA | <b>Total Amount</b>                         | NA                                                        |
| <b>Program(s)</b>         | NA | <b>Amount Available</b>                     | <b>Total: \$NA</b>                                        |
| <b>Account(s)</b>         | NA | <b>Included in Applicable Budget? (Y/N)</b> | <b>There is no fiscal financial impact to the County.</b> |
| <b>Fiscal Year(s)</b>     | NA |                                             |                                                           |

### Description & Comments

(What is it, any issues found, is there a financial impact to current/next FY, does this contract vary from previous FY, etc.)

Conduct a public hearing and adopt the proposed amendments to the County Towing Ordinance revising County Code sections 122-40, 122-41, and 122-42, adjusting the tow rate schedule and operational guidelines for tow operators.

- Following a three-year review of the towing rates in 2023, the Board of County Commissioners requested that Consumer Protection (CP) meet with the industry to continue review of the rate structure for further updates based on industry feedback on continued economic pressures.
- CP held a series of meetings with representatives of the Professional Wrecker Operators of Florida to review and to maintain a competitive rate schedule to respond to the economic pressures of the industry while seeking to protect and balance impact to consumers.
- Recommendations were paused to assess community impact of statutory changes in July 2024 resulting in new lien assessments outside of county rates.
- The Board made rate adjustments in June 2026 by resolution and requested additional recommendations return as an amendment to the ordinance.
- Proposed amendment seeks to adjust rates on several vehicle classes, adds several new fees for towing operators, and provides language clarifications and requirements to help protect consumers.
- Human Services anticipates that this proposed ordinance change will require no additional staff time or new fiscal impact. This ordinance brings in no additional revenue to the County.
- This ordinance amendment, by itself, has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

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**Ok to Sign:** ☒