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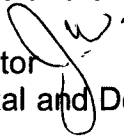


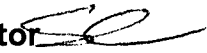
Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

July 14, 2014

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
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Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: July 29, 2014 – Work Session
Towing Ordinance Update

Over the past several years, the County has experienced a considerable increase in trespass towing activity – from 4,400 vehicles in 2005 to over 11,500 vehicles in 2012. (Trespass towing refers to unauthorized vehicles towed from private property without the vehicle owner's consent.) This has been particularly noticeable on International Drive, where towing activity increased from 3% of County tows in 2005 to 22% of County tows in 2012. Additionally, the County has received numerous complaints about towing, including from people towed in the International Drive area. These complaints involve towing rules that are unclear, vehicles being towed unnecessarily and/or illegally, and a process for retrieving towed vehicles that often is confusing and unpleasant.

To address these issues, staff has drafted an update of Orange County's towing ordinance, which was first adopted in 1998 and last updated in 2008. The ordinance changes include additions and clarifications to the prerequisites for towing; requirements for signage, insurance, and storage facilities; a requirement that towing companies receive authorization for each vehicle towed, with allowances for towing during nighttime hours in multi-family residential areas; additional notification and recordkeeping requirements; additions and clarifications to penalties and enforcement provisions; and other changes.

At this work session, staff's presentation will summarize proposed changes to the ordinance. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 2014.

This item is for informational purposes only.

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