

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(5)

### AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009

#### **TITLE: A Resolution Approving an Updated Rotation Wrecker Policy, Application, and Agreement**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Police</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Memo from William C. Morgan to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen</b> <b>C. Rotation Wrecker Policy</b> <b>D. Application</b> <b>E. Agreement</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905; Carolyn Hutchison, 918-7412</b>

#### **PURPOSE**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Police Department to begin using a revised and updated Rotation Wrecker Policy, Rotation Wrecker Application, and Rotation Wrecker Agreement.

#### **INFORMATION**

In order to perform its traffic safety functions, the Carrboro Police Department is routinely required to use wrecker services to tow disabled, seized, wrecked, and abandoned motor vehicles. The Town has used the same "Wrecker Rotation Agreement" for many years. While it has worked generally well, it was somewhat outdated and required review and revision. William Morgan, with The Brough Law Firm, in consultation with Police Department staff, conducted such a review and prepared an updated Rotation Wrecker Policy, Application, and Agreement. The purpose of the updated policy is to regulate on-call wrecker service providers who have been approved for inclusion on the Carrboro Police Department's Rotation Wrecker List so that the public, and qualified wrecker services, are treated in a uniform, fair, and reasonable manner.

In a memo to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from Mr. Morgan (Attachment B), he provides a description of the major components of, and a summary of the changes from the outdated Agreement to, the new Policy, Application, and Agreement. This up-to-date Policy, Application, and Agreement provide a uniform, comprehensive and objective method of dealing with rotation wrecker service providers.

Please note that this new process involving the town's rotation wrecker list is separate and apart from issues related to towing from private property.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

It is difficult to quantify the fiscal impact of this change from old to new practices. The Police Department must initiate an investigation of the applicant's operation and storage yard, and this will require staff time.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution approving the updated Rotation Wrecker Policy, Application, and Agreement.