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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2026

TO: Owosso City Council

FROM: Kevin Lenkart
Public Safety Chief

RE: Ordinance Amendment - Removal of Vehicle for Unpaid Parking Violations

Recommendation:

Recommend Owosso City Council approve the attached resolution setting a public hearing for September 21, 2026, to receive citizen comment regarding the proposal to add Sec. 33-54, Removal of Vehicle for Unpaid Parking Violations, to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III, Parking, stopping and standing, Division 2, Parking violations bureau, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso.

Background:

Currently the City of Owosso Parking Ordinance does not include any provision for the towing of vehicles after receiving four (4) unpaid parking citations. The adoption of this revised ordinance will allow Owosso Public Safety staff to enforce this parking violation.

RESOLUTION NO.

**SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADD SEC. 33-54 TO
CHAPTER 33, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES,
FOR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FOR UNPAID PARKING VIOLATIONS**

WHEREAS, motor vehicles and licensed trailers may receive parking citations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, has a parking ordinance that does not include regulations for the towing of vehicle for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the parking ordinance to include the towing of motor vehicles and licensed trailers for unpaid parking violations; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing practice of the City Council to hold a public hearing to receive citizen comment regarding any and all proposed ordinance amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE CITY OF OWOSSO ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. That Sec 33-54, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso be added as follows:

Sec. 33-54. – Unpaid parking violations.

In any case where more than four (4) parking violations under any section of this chapter shall have been issued and remain unpaid in excess of thirty (30) calendar days for a vehicle bearing the same registration plate, the vehicle may be removed from any public place in the city at the direction of any police officer. Such vehicle shall not be released to its owner until all outstanding violations, storage and towing charges have been paid.

SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing is set for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. AVAILABILITY. This ordinance may be purchased or inspected in the city clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect twenty(20)days after its adoption and publication.