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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 27, 2025

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 June 16, 2025, 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 AMEND CHAPTER 33, TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, ARTICLE III,
PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING,
TO ALLOW THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES
WITH MULTIPLE UNPAID PARKING TICKETS**

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, does not have an ordinance for the removal of vehicles after four (4) unpaid parking citations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Owosso ordains that:

SECTION 1. ADDITION. That Sec. 33-54, *Removal of vehicle for unpaid parking violations*, shall be added to Chapter 33, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Article III, *Parking, stopping and standing*, Division 2, Parking violations bureau, as follows:

Sec. 33-54. – Removal of vehicle for unpaid parking violations.

In any case where more than four (4) parking violations issued under any section of this chapter shall have been given to a vehicle bearing the same registration plate and remaining unpaid in excess of thirty (30) calendar days, 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, June 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing citizen comment regarding the proposed additions to Chapter 19, Offenses, of the Code of the City of Owosso.

SECTION 3. 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 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall become effective 20 days after approval.