

## **Beaumont Police Department Non-Consent Towing Rotation System Regulations**

- I. The Chief of Police hereby establishes the following regulations for a towing company to be included on the non-consent towing rotation system.
- II. Two rotation lists will be established and maintained by the designee of the Chief of Police. One list shall consist of light duty tow trucks. The second list shall consist of heavy duty tow trucks, which will pick up vehicles over 10000 lbs. Heavy duty tow truck has a meaning of a tow truck with a GVW of 33,00 lbs or more. The rotation list shall consist of one slot per company.
- III. The list will be provided to the City of Beaumont 911 Operations Center for use in contacting towing companies.
- IV. The designee of the Chief of Police ( normally a Traffic Unit Officer) will be responsible for processing towing company applications and conducting tow truck inspections.
- V. A non-consent towing rotation list application must be obtained by a towing company representative from the Police Department Traffic Unit. The application must be completed with all supporting documentation attached, and be delivered to the Traffic Unit.
- VI. The Police Department designee will notify the towing company representative once the application is approved and the company is active on the rotation list. In the event that the application is denied, the towing company representative will be notified of any deficiencies that must be addressed.
- VII. A towing company may request temporary removal from the rotation list by contacting the Police Department designee. To be reinstated on the rotation list, the towing company must contact the Police Department designee.
- VIII. Each towing company and their tow trucks used for non-consent tows must be in compliance with all applicable state laws and local ordinances for the duration of inclusion on the rotation list.
- IX. Non-compliance with applicable laws and ordinances shall result in immediate removal from the rotation list until deficiencies are corrected.
- X. A towing company may not refer non-consent tow calls to other companies. If the tow company is not available they must advise dispatch and the call must be passed on to the next tow company on the rotation list. However tow companies may call for assistance from other companies while out on a non-consent call.
- XI. A towing company may be left on the top of the list when a Drop Fee is used at the scene.

XII. Pursuant to Section 29-71 (b) of the Code of Ordinances, each tow company used for non-consent tows must operate a vehicle storage facility within the city limits.

XIII. Each towing company must provide a current copy of all posted rates for towing and vehicle storage.

XIV. Where circumstances require a recovery, the tow company shall list in detail all charges on the tow bill. A detailed description of the circumstances shall be written on the bill along with the name of the officer at the scene.

XV. Light Tow Recovery includes but is not limited to:

1. Submerged vehicles.
2. Vehicles in deep ditches over 3 feet deep.
3. Vehicles that have gone off of overpasses.
4. Vehicles in woods, brush or shrubbery.
5. Vehicles which have driven into structures.

The recovery must be detailed on the tow ticket.

XVI. **Where circumstances require an Heavy Duty Emergency Wrecker.**

First available emergency heavy duty wrecker must be a wrecker from the Heavy Duty Rotation List and must be able to handle the vehicle or vehicles which are being towed.