



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** This ordinance authorizes the Director of Public Safety to modify the contract with Pro-Tow, Inc. (PO141174, legislated via Ord. 1593-2018) in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for the continuation of towing management services as needed for the City of Columbus and the Division of Police. The Division of Police is responsible for the safety and welfare of the traveling public on all public streets, state routes, interstates, and waterways, as well as those endangered by parking violations, accidents and/or abandoned vehicles and watercrafts within the Metropolitan Columbus Area as well as on City-owned land. In an effort to improve the transportation network and access innovative technology, the City sought a smart solution to towing management services.

Four proposals were received and the evaluation committee determined that Pro-Tow, Inc. was the highest qualified offeror. It is now necessary to authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to modify the current contract with Pro-Tow Inc. for the continuation of towing management, effective August 1, 2018 until July 31, 2021.

Passage of this ordinance is contingent upon approval of the 2019 General Fund Budget by City Council.

**BID INFORMATION:** An evaluation committee comprised of representatives from the Division of Police, Division of Support Services, and the Department of Technology completed a review of the proposals submitted via RFQ007048, by Pro-Tow, Inc., Tow Logic, Bosch, and Auto Return. The committee asked for presentations and ultimately decided that Pro-Tow, Inc. was the highest qualified offeror and should be awarded the contract.

**CONTRACT COMPLIANCE:** CC000415, expires June 22, 2020.

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** Emergency legislation is necessary in order to continue towing services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$2,500,000.00 or so much thereof from the 2019 Police General Fund Budget for the continuation of towing services for the City of Columbus and the Division of Police. This amount was budgeted in the Division of Police's 2019 General Fund Budget. In 2018, the Division of Police spent/encumbered a total of \$1,980,000.00 for towing services. Passage of this ordinance is contingent upon approval of the 2019 General Fund Budget by City Council.

To authorize the Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the Division of Police, to modify the current contract with Pro-Tow, Inc. and increase funds for the continuation of towing management services; to authorize an expenditure of \$2,500,000.00 from the Division of Police's General Fund Budget; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,500,000.00)

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, is responsible for the safety and welfare of the traveling public on all public streets, state routes, interstates and waterways, as well as those endangered by parking violations, accidents and/or abandoned vehicles and watercrafts within the Metropolitan Columbus Area, as well as on City-owned land; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Safety issued a Request for Proposals for a Towing Management System; and,

**WHEREAS,** four proposals were received via RFQ007048, and the evaluation committee determined that Pro-Tow, Inc. was the highest qualified offeror; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify the current contract with Pro-Tow, Inc. and increase funds for the continuation of towing management services in the amount of \$2,500,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds are budgeted and available for this contract contingent upon passage of the 2019 General Fund Budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Safety to modify the contract with Pro-Tow, Inc. and increase funds for the continuation of towing management services, thereby preserving the public peace, property, health, safety, and welfare: **now, therefore:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Safety be and is hereby authorized to modify the contract with Pro-Tow, Inc. and increase funds for the continuation of towing management services.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$2,500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, be and the same is hereby authorized from the General Fund in Object Class 03 Contractual Services, per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 4.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance and to make any accounting changes necessary to ensure that this contract is properly accounted for and recorded accurately on the City's financial records.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.