



**CITY OF CORONA
POLICE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED TOWING
CONTRACTORS FOR ROTATIONAL NON-CONSENSUAL
TOWING SERVICES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN per section 5.52.050(C) of the Corona Municipal Code (“CMC”), the City of Corona Police Chief has determined that the number of authorized towing contractors needed to provide non-consensual towing services to the Police Department shall be two (2).

Pursuant to CMC Chapter 5.52, the Corona Police Department maintains a list of authorized towing contractors to provide non-consensual towing services to the City. This list operates in a rotational fashion when towing services are needed. Pursuant to CMC section 5.52.060, the Police Chief shall determine the number of authorized towing contractors needed to provide towing services to the Police Department. Since January 1, 2023, two towing contractors have serviced the police department due to a contract termination of the third tow company. The Police Chief evaluated service by the two towing contractors since January 2023 and determined the two operators continue to respond to tow requests well under the maximum allowable time of 20 minutes during regular business hours and 30 minutes after hours.

Currently, the number of authorized towing contractors is manageable when considering monitoring and inspection requirements by the Police Department’s Dispatch and Traffic Bureau staff. Additionally, due to changes in the Vehicle Code, the number of non-consensual tows that the Police Department requests is declining. Between February and April of 2009, the Police Department requested 962 tows. Over that same three-month period in 2015, the Police Department requested 773 tows. Between December 2022 and February 2023, the police department requested 206 rotational tows, demonstrating a significant decrease in tow demand.

Based upon the above factors, the Police Chief has determined that two (2) authorized towing contractors are sufficient for the efficient operation of the Police Department.

Per section 5.52.050(A) of the Corona Municipal Code, the Police Chief may review the number of authorized towing contractors needed to provide non-consensual towing services to the City at any time and may make the determination that fewer or additional authorized towing contractors are needed.

This determination is made on the 1st of March, 2023, and will remain posted for ten business days. This determination may be appealed to the City Manager within ten (10) calendar days of the date of this determination pursuant to Section 5.52.050(E) of the Corona Municipal Code.



Robert Newman, Chief of Police

Please contact Lieutenant Chad Fountain, Corona Police Department, Special Enforcement Bureau at 951-736-2280, or by email at Chad.Fountain@CoronaCA.gov if you have any questions.

Attachment:

Corona Police Department Rules and Specifications for Non-Consensual Towing Services and Vehicle Storage Facilities