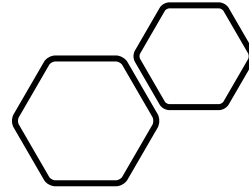


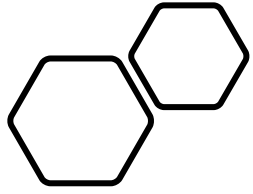
# Quality Of Life Committee

*Towing Update*



September 22, 2021

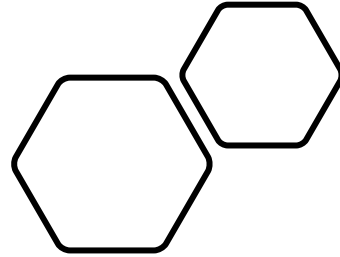
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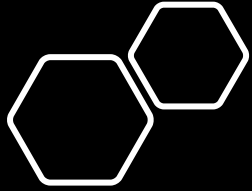
# ParkHouston - By The Numbers

- 10,000 metered spaces
- 2.7M meter transactions
- 900 pay stations collected/maintained
- 189 Residential Permit areas
- 7 parking permits
- 9,000 annual 311 service requests
- 190,000 citations

# ParkHouston - Programs



- Enforcement of City and State parking codes
- Residential Permit Parking (189)
- Community Parking Program (3)
- Parking Benefit Districts (2)
- City Employee Parking and Transit Program
- Volunteer Accessible Parking Enforcement Program
- Boating



# Abandoned Vehicles



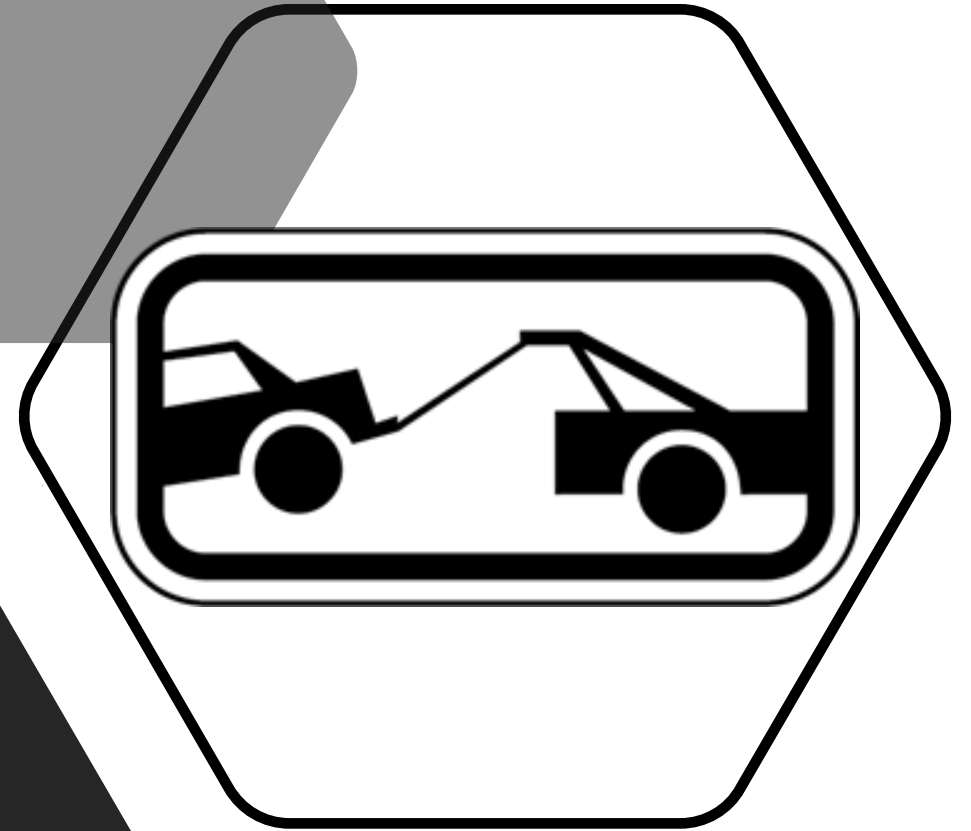
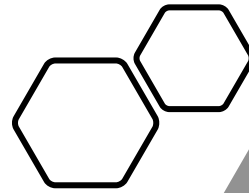
**ParkHouston receives about 9,000 parking service requests per year  
More than 50% are for abandoned vehicles**

- Customer places Service Request
- ParkHouston receives and distributes to field officer
- Field officer visits location and marks tires
- Citation issued for “parked more than 24 hours” – up to 48 hours (two days; two violations)
- Request tow by HPD at third violation for “parked more than 24 hours”



# House Bill 914

- Signed by Governor Abbott June 2021.
- Effective September 1, 2021.
- Authorizes a parking compliance officer to tow abandoned and/or illegally parked vehicles.

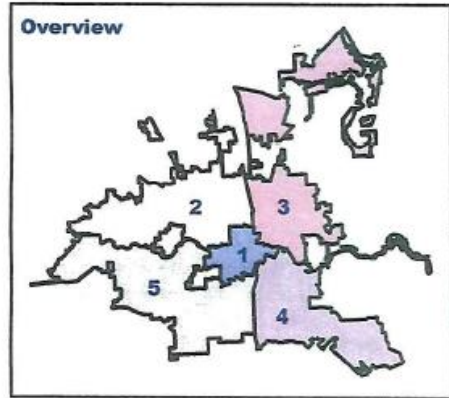


# Coordinating with HPD

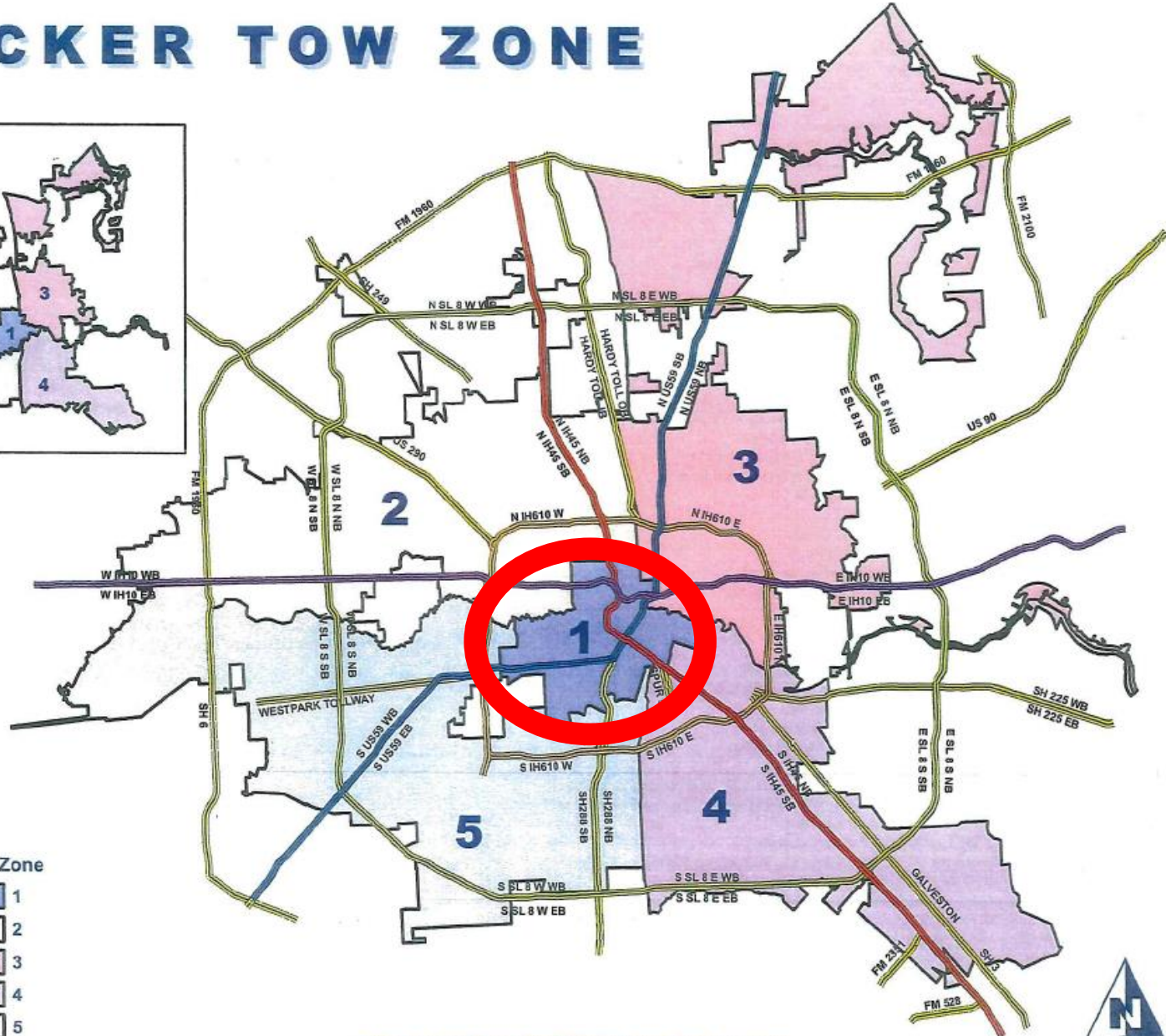
- Zones
- Technology
- Paperwork
- Pilot area – Central Zone

# WRECKER TOW ZONE

Tow Zones

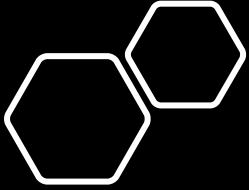


Legend			
	IH 10		Tow Zone 1
	IH 45		Tow Zone 2
	IH 610		Tow Zone 3
	US 59		Tow Zone 4
	BW 8		Tow Zone 5
	Freeways		



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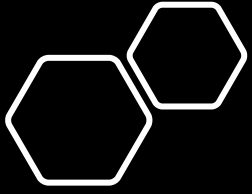
# Recommendation



## Approve Ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances

- Section 26.6(a) of the City Code of Ordinances explicitly says parking compliance officers do not have authority to order a vehicle removed or impounded except as allowed by section 26-298.
- Section 26-298 authorizes a parking compliance officer or someone designated by the police chief to authorize a towing, but only in a residential parking permit area designated by the traffic engineer as a tow away zone.
- **The proposed Chapter 26 amendments will align the Code with HB 914 by removing limitations in section 26.6(a) and 26-298 to allow parking compliance officers to order the towing of a vehicle parked in violation of Chapter 26 in any area (not just residential parking permit areas designated as a tow away zone).**





Questions

