

## County of Fairfax, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 17, 2021

**TO:** Trespass Towing Advisory Board

FROM: Michael S. Liberman, Director

Department of Cable and Consumer Services

**SUBJECT:** Trespass Towing Advisory Board Meeting for March 24, 2021

Please find attached the Trespass Towing Advisory Board agenda packet. The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday**, **March 24**, **5:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held via a video connection due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To join the meeting:

Click: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85111236903?pwd=eG5lSG5lS2x2dzM5THYvZWVHQXpTQT09

Enter Password: 759862

Audio-only participation: Dial: 888-270-9936

Enter Code: 584548

Please RSVP with your attendance to Carl A. Newcomb by COB on Tuesday, March 23, at Carl.Newcomb@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5931.

#### **Enclosures**

cc: Joseph M. Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer

Office of the County Executive

Rebecca L. Makely, Director Consumer Services Division, DCCS

Carl A. Newcomb, Manager

Regulation and Licensing Branch, CSD, DCCS



# FAIRFAX COUNTY TRESPASS TOWING ADVISORY BOARD

#### March 24, 2021 5:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

Call to	Order	by the	Chairman
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#### Minutes

• Approval of January 27, 2021 meeting minutes

Report of the Chairman

Report of the Director

Report of the Staff Liaison

**Board Matters** 

Old Business

#### New Business

• Bylaws approval

**Public Comment** 

Adjourn

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#### Minutes of the Fairfax County Trespass Towing Advisory Board

January 27, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Video Meeting

Chairman Scheler, presiding

Board Members Present: Fee, Leach, Morris, Scheler

Board Members Absent: Supinger

Staff Members Present: Michael Liberman, Director

Department of Cable and Consumer Services

Rebecca Makely, Division Director

Department of Cable and Consumer Services

Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist III
Regulation and Licensing Branch

Public In Attendance: Mike Fernandez, Battlefield Towing & Storage, Inc.

Ashley Miller, Dominion Towing & Storage, Inc.

Dwight Gochenour II, Dominion Towing and Storage, Inc.

Krista White, Resident

Chairman Scheler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### Quorum, Location, and Audibility of Member's Voices

Chairman Scheler conducted a Roll Call to verify that a quorum of members were participating; and that each member's voice was clear, audible, and at appropriate volume for all of the other members; and the location from which each member was participating. The roll call was as follows:

Member Fee, Burke Member Leach, Great Falls Member Sgt. Morris, Fairfax Station Member Dt. Regan Chairman Scheler, Fairfax

Chairman Scheler passed the virtual gavel to Vice Chairman Morris. A motion was made by Chairman Scheler that each member's voice was adequately heard by each member of the Trespass Towing Advisory Board (Board). This motion was seconded by Member Fee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Need for an Electronic Meeting**

A motion was made by Chairman Scheler that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe for the Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of the Board and the physical presence of the public, could not be

implemented safely or practically. Chairman Scheler further moved that the Board conduct the meeting electronically through the dedicated audio-conferencing line, and that the public access the meeting by calling 888-270-9936 and entering access coded 584548. The motion was seconded by Member Fee and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Report of the Chairman**

• The Chairman had no matters to bring before the Board.

#### **Report of the Director**

- Director Liberman reported on the status of Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meetings. BOS meetings were held in person in September and October, returned to an electronic meeting in November of 2020, and meetings in February and March of 2021 will be held electronically.
- Director Liberman reported that the Fairfax County Health Department is currently conducting vaccination clinics, and that the Fairfax County Government Center is one of the locations for these clinics.

#### Report of the Staff Liaison

- Director Makely provided an update on the new county-wide bylaws templates being used for Boards, Authorities and Commissions. A draft will be presented to the Board once updates have been completed.
- Branch Manager Newcomb had no matters to bring before the Board.

#### **Board Matters**

 Member Fee shared a discussion with a family that contracted COVID-19 after the son had taken a family vehicle for a state inspection and asked what COVID-19 precautions the tow industry was taking to protect customers. A discussion ensued.

#### **Old Business**

• There was no old business before the Board.

#### **New Business**

- **Tow Rates.** Chairman Scheler provided a review of the industry proposal to increase tow rates in Fairfax County. Chairman Scheler stated the basic tow rate for a passenger vehicle (<7501 lbs. GVWR) would increase from the current rate of \$135.00 to the sate maximum rate of \$150.00 and the charge for towing a vehicle on a weekend, after hours, or on a holiday would increase from the current rate of \$25.00 to the state maximum rate of \$30.00. Discussion ensued.
- Chairman Scheler motioned that the Board ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
  to raise the tow rates from \$135.00 to \$150.00 for a light duty tow for vehicles < 7501
  lbs. GVWR and increase the amount from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for incidentals on holidays,
  nights and weekends. Member Dt. Regan seconded the motion and the motion passed
  unanimously.</li>

#### **Minutes**

• Chairman Scheler asked for a quick vote on the approval of the January 27, 2021 minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.

#### **Public Comment**

- Mike Fernandez, Battlefield Towing & Storage, Inc.
- Ashly Miller, Dominion Towing & Storage, Inc.
- Krista White, Resident
- Dwight Gochenour II, Dominion Towing & Storage, Inc.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

# Fairfax County Trespass Towing Advisory Board 2021 Yearly Planning Calendar

As of March 24, 2021

Rooms have been reserved on the dates shown below should meetings need to be held.

January 27	Towing Rates	
March 24	Bylaws approval	
May 26		
July 28		
September 22		
November 24		

#### Possible Future Agenda Topics