



Tow Operation

Section 103.204

STEPS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT

- 1. Submission:** Applications will not be accepted by mail. Please send your completed application documents by email to pcpermitapplications@lapd.online
- 2. Review:** Once received, an Investigator will review your application for completeness and reach out to schedule your in-person appointment.
- 3. Appointment:** During the appointment you will turn in the original application documents and complete the payment required for processing the permit with the Office of Finance.
- 4. Investigation:** The Investigator assigned to your case will complete the investigation and reach out to inform you of the final notice.

PLEASE NOTE

- Auto park police permits are required for storage lots associated with the tow operation permit. If your lot does not have this permit you will need to apply.
- The fee for processing applications for this permit is **\$416.00**, subject to change.
- CID does not have a designated area for visitors. If you plan to park on the street, metered parking is limited to 1 hour. Plan ahead, and allow extra time to find a parking garage. Please be prepared for any unexpected delays or parking issues.
- Permits are not transferable. If you are moving locations or there is a change in ownership, you are required to re-apply.

If your application remains incomplete 30 days after submission, your case will be filed without further action, and you will NOT be allowed to continue with the process. You may resubmit at any point after you have made the necessary changes to your application.

You can find more information pertaining to this permit at: https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-192683#JD_103.204.



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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Forms & Documents Needed To Complete Application		DONE	N/A
1	Business Information - Face Sheet Form		
2	Owners & Applicants Form (<i>Ownership should equal 100%. If not, explain in the space provided</i>)		
3	Personal Application Form (<i>Each owner must complete a personal application</i>) <i>- DO NOT SIGN UNTIL INSTRUCTED BY INVESTIGATOR OR NOTARIZED</i>		
4	Copy of the applicant's valid state Driver's License or state identification <i>- The address must match the applicant's information on the Personal Application</i> <i>- The CDL or CID shall not be expired</i>		
5	Completed Live Scan Form <i>- Only valid for 30 days from date on the live scan form, do not complete until instructed to do so by investigator</i> <i>- If residing in California, go to any to any Live Scan location: https://oag.ca.gov/fingerprints/locations?county=Los%20Angeles</i> <i>- If out-of-state, fingerprint cards are available. These require: 1. Check payable to California Department of Justice for \$32 per card and 2. Request for Exemption form per applicant card</i>		
6	Original Zoning & Clearance From <i>- Bring the form provided (page 8) to the Department of Building and Safety, Zoning Administration</i> <i>- Must submit original form (Signature, date, contact number, and stamp needed or will not be accepted)</i> <i>- Follow the instructions on the procedure form (page 9) to schedule your appointment</i>		
7	Insurance document (<i>Upload your documents to KwikComply</i>) <i>-See page 10 for an example of acceptable insurance policies</i>		
8	Copy of Complete Lease Agreement and/or Purchase Documents <i>- Must indicate legal/applicant's name(s), business address, current lease dates and usage</i> <i>- Include supplemental documents, amendments, & assignments. Provide a lease history chart if needed. Anyone listed as a lessee must submit a personal application</i>		
9	Requirements for Applicants Applying Through an Aide <i>Consultant teams will need a letter of authorization from the applicant to submit</i> <i>If an employee of the applicant is submitting, use a Designation of Qualified Manager form (page 11)</i>		
10	Entity Checklist <i>-Refer to page 3 to review which documents are applicable to your application</i>		
11	Photos <i>-Submit photos of towing vehicles from all 4 sides and a sign posted near the office containing tow rates</i>		
12	Copy of Municipal Code pertaining to Tow Operation (<i>Must be dated and signed</i>)		



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Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

****Your business must be registered in California to do business in this state.***

<i>Additional Forms Needed To Complete Application Per Business Entity Type</i>	<i>Select Applicable</i>
Sole Proprietorship	
Partnership <i>- A Partnership agreement naming all partners; or</i> <i>- Certificate of Limited Partnership for limited partners certified by the Secretary of State</i>	
Limited Liability Companies (LLC) <i>- Articles of Organization</i> <i>- Operating Agreement (Identifying all members)</i> <i>- Fictitious name statement (certified by the State)</i> <i>- All members with a controlling interest of 5% or more shall apply</i>	
Corporation (C-Corp, S-Corp and Professional Corp) <i>- Corporate Resolution or Meeting Minutes (Identifying officers and signed by Corporate Secretary)</i> <i>- Articles of Incorporation (Certified by the State of CA); if out of State submit equivalent</i> <i>- Copy of Stock Certificates</i> <i>- All officers and all persons owning a controlling interest in a non publicly traded corporation</i>	

****All forms detailed above must be submitted according to the business entity the applicant(s) is filing as. Any forms not completed or provided at the time of submission will result in an incomplete application. Incomplete application will not be accepted for processing by any permit staff.***



Business Information - Face Sheet

A Face Sheet must be completed for each permit type for each location. For example, if a business needs a Massage Permit and a Bath permit, two Face Sheets must be completed.

For Police Commission Use Only - Do Not Write In This Section

Type of Permit: _____	TOW OPERATION
PC Account No: _____	
PC File No: _____	CID Staff Stamp Here
Grant Date: _____	
LAPD Area: _____	
RD No: _____ Council District No: _____	

Complete All Fields - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Type of Business Entity: (Please check one)

Sole Proprietorship _____ Partnership _____ Limited Liability Company (LLC): _____

Corporation _____ Non-Profit _____ Other: _____

Entity Name: _____

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

Business Address: _____
(Must include: Apartment, Suite, Space, Unit numbers, etc.)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If address is same as above, write "same")

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

Email of Business: _____



Owners and Applicants Form

This form must be completed for each owner or person(s) required to apply for the PC Permit, indicating the percentage of ownership for each applicant. The percentage of ownership should add up to 100%; if not, please explain in the space provided.

Doing Business as (DBA): _____

Name (All Required Applicants)	Title (President, CEO, CFO, Secretary, etc.)	Percent of Ownership
Total Percentage of Ownership		

If the percentage of ownership does not add up to 100%, explain below:



Personal Application

Per LAMC Chapter X, all owners and partners must complete the required forms. Providing incomplete or inaccurate information may delay or impede the processing of your application. False or misleading information on these forms may result in legal consequences.

Applicant Personal Information - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____
(Must include: Apartment, Suite, Space, Unit numbers, etc.)

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone No: _____ Business Phone No: _____

Email Address: _____

DOB: _____ Driver's License/ID: _____ State: _____

Gender: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____

Applicant History - Do Not Leave Anything Blank

If married, will your spouse be involved with the business? Yes _____ No _____
(If you answered yes and are applying as a sole proprietor or partnership, your spouse must apply.)

Have you ever used any other names in the past? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list other names used: _____

List previous permits held: _____

Have you ever been denied, suspended or revoked a Police Commission Permit? Yes _____ No _____

Have you ever been arrested for a crime resulting in a conviction? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "YES," please provide details:

Date: _____ City: _____

Charge: _____ Disposition: _____

Details: _____

****Use additional pages if needed.***

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I declare under the penalty of perjury and under the law of the State of California, all information contained on this Police Permit Application and any supplemental documents is true and correct. I understand that all information provided and statements made are subject to investigations and any false statements may be grounds for denial or revocation of permits issued by the Los Angeles Police Commission.

All applicants not present to sign must have this application form NOTARIZED. The notary shall stamp and sign this form or provide the proper Acknowledgement/Jurat. The document must be titled "Application for Police Permit" or it will not be accepted.



DO NOT SIGN UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO - Must be witnessed by a Deputy City Clerk or prepared by a Notary Public.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

REQUEST FOR LIVE SCAN SERVICE

Applicant Submission

*****FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW*****

ORI: CA0194200 Type of Application: LICENSE CERT OR PERMIT
 Job Title or Type of License, Certification or Permit: *****-> **POLICE COMMISSION PERMIT**

Agency Address Set Contributing Agency: LAPD (CAPDLOS ANGELES) **14923** ← **LAPD has many codes. Use this.**
 Agency authorized to receive criminal history information Mail Code (five digit code assigned by DOJ)
700 E. TEMPLE ST. STE B22
 Street No. Street or P.O. Box Contact Name (Mandatory for all school submissions)
LOS ANGELES CA 91351 **(213) 996-1210**
 City State Zip Code Contact Telephone No.

*****ENTER INFORMATION FOR 1 – 11b*** Live Scan Operator: Be sure to enter all items.**

Name of Applicant: 1
 (please print) Last First MI
 Alias: 2 Driver's License No. 3
 Last First 5
 Date of Birth: 4 Sex: Male Female Misc. No. BIL- N/A
 Agency Billing Number
 Height: 6 Weight: 7 Misc No: _____
 Eye Color: 8 Hair Color: 9 Home Address: 11a
 Street or P.O. Box
 Place of Birth: 10 **11b** _____
 City, State and Zip Code
 SOC: *****DO NOT ENTER SOCIAL SECURITY*****

*****MAKE TWO COPIES. GO TO LIVE SCAN CENTER.*****

Your Number: TRC# Level of Service DOJ FBI
 OCA No. (Agency Identifying No.)
 If resubmission, list Original ATI No. _____

Employer: (Additional response for agencies specified by statute) *****DO NOT USE THIS SECTION*****
 Employer Name _____
 Street No. Street or P.O. Box Mail Code (five digit code assigned by DOJ)
 City State Zip Code () _____
 Agency Telephone No. (optional)

Live Scan Transaction Completed By: _____ Date: _____
 Name of Operator
 Transmitting Agency _____ ATI No. _____ Amount Collected/Billed

LAPD 02/2016

GIVE COPIES OF FORM:
 ORIGINAL-Live Scan Operator; **SECOND COPY-SEND TO LAPD;** THIRD COPY-Keep
 BCII 8016 (Rev 04/01)



Zoning and Use Clearance Form

PC Permit Type (Limit 1 per form): TOWING OPERATION P-287

Address of Business: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Located between streets: _____

LADBS USE ONLY-- INSPECTOR TO ANSWER ALL ENTRIES BELOW

Zone: _____

LADBS Permit Type: _____

LADBS Permit No. : _____

Business shown ____ is ____ is not **A PERMITTED USE**

Business shown ____ is ____ is not **A PERMITTED USE BY THE OCCUPANCY RECORD**

**Applicant Note – Additional Building and Safety and/or Zoning requirements may be applicable and imposed.*

Is a Conditional Use Permit Required? Yes ____ No ____

CUP ZA No. _____ (Please provide copy)

Has the USE been vacated for greater than one year? Yes ____ No ____

Remarks:

LADBS Signature: _____ Place Stamp Here
LADBS Printed Name: _____
Date: _____
Contact No: _____

Building and Safety Locations: Open to the Public - Appointment only (www.ladbs.org)

Downtown Los Angeles: 201 N. Figueroa Street, First Floor, Los Angeles, 90012
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drop-Off/Pick-up Only

Van Nuys: 6262 Van Nuys Blvd #251, Van Nuys, 91401 Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

West Los Angeles: 1828 Sawtelle Blvd, Los Angeles, 90025
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles Police Commission will not issue a permit for any business activity which is not allowed at a location by the Zoning Administration. Be advised that this form is only valid if signed, dated, stamped and all fields on the form are completely filled out by a representative of the Department of Building and Safety. All incomplete forms **will not** be accepted and will delay the application process.

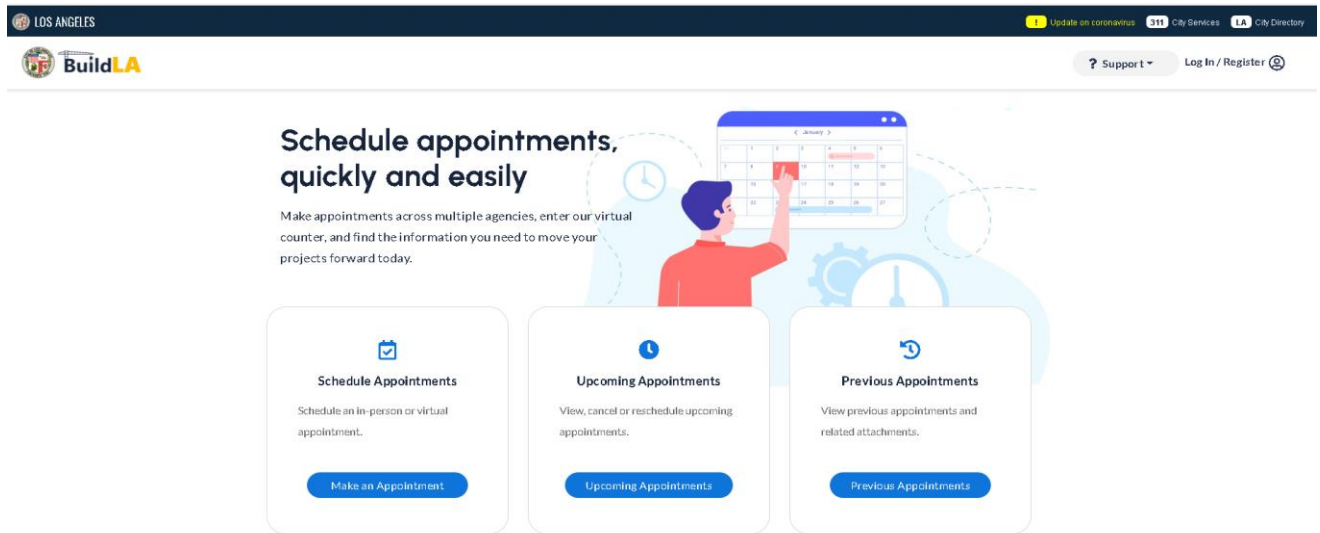
Zoning and Use Clearance Form Procedure

Please use the following steps to complete your Zoning and Use Clearance Form:

Step 1: Make a “New Submittal” appointment with LADBS, using the following BuildLA link:

<https://appointments.lacity.org/apptsys/Public/Account>

Step 2: Click “Make an Appointment” located in the “Schedule Appointment” Tab



Step 3: In the “Lets Get Started” dialog box make the following selections:

Agency/Department-**Building and Safety (LADBS)**

Select Service-**Building Plan Check – New plan check submittal**

Select Office- **LADBS – Metro (Downtown) 4th Floor**

Let's Get Started

Select Agency/Department

Select Service [Don't See your Service?](#)

Select Office

[< Back](#) [Next](#)

At your appointment time, LADBS will screen your request and documents and assign them to a LADBS engineer to review your request for approval. Additional documents may be requested.

Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) -201 N. Figueroa St., First Floor, Los Angeles 90012 Phone: 311 or (213) 473-3231



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

EXAMPLE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Example 123 Main St Los Angeles CA 00000	CONTACT NAME:		
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):	FAX (A/C, No):	
	E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURED Tow Company Inc 100 Main St Los Angeles, CA 00000	INSURER A :		
	INSURER B :		
	INSURER C :		
	INSURER D :		
	INSURER E :		
	INSURER F :		

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS		
A	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR	Y	Y	xxxxxxxxxx	01/01/2022	01/01/2033	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 1,000,000	
							DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Each occurrence)	\$ 300,000	
							MED EXP (Any one person)	\$ 5,000	
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 1,000,000	
							GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ 2,000,000	
	PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG	\$ 2,000,000							
	GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:								
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY	Y	Y	xxxxxxxxxx	01/01/2022	01/01/2023	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Each accident)	\$ 1,000,000	
							BODILY INJURY (Per person)	\$	
							BODILY INJURY (Per accident)	\$	
							PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident)	\$	
	UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE						AGGREGATE	\$	
	DED \$ RETENTION \$							\$	
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		Y/N	N/A			PER STATUTE	OTH-ER	
A	On-Hook/MTC	Y	Y	xxxxxxxxxx	01/01/2022	01/01/2023	limit		25,000
							DED		1,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Garagekeepers Legal Liability:
100 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$150,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)
200 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$150,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)
300 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$100,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)
400 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$100,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)
500 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$150,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)
600 Main St. Los Angeles, CA: \$150,000 (\$1,000/\$5,000)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

CANCELLATION

City of Los Angeles and its Agencies, Boards and Depts. 200 North Main Street City Hall East - Rm 1240 Los Angeles CA 90012	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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Designation of Qualified Manager

(I/We) _____
Permit Holder's/Permit Applicant's Full Legal Name

Doing Business As _____, designate the following _____ person(s)
Business Name (Doing Business As) number

Full Legal Name of Qualified Manager State Identification Number

Full Legal Name of Qualified Manager State Identification Number

as my/our Designated Manager, to represent (me/us) before the Los Angeles (Commission), Los Angeles Police Department, or any office or department of the City of Los Angeles with respect to (all) my police permit(s).

Said Designated Manager is authorized to receive information about all accounts related to police permits held by me/us including permit applications, history, status, disciplinary action, fees, payments taxes, and other information used by the City to transact business on police permits. Said Designated Manager is authorized to transact business in connection with police permits, including opening and closing accounts, applying for permits, canceling permits, giving oral and written information, and to perform any act or thing whatsoever concerning police permits in every aspect as (I/we) could do were (I/we) personally present. The Designated Manager has the authority to legally and financially bind the permit holder.

This Designation of Qualified Manager revokes all earlier Designation of Qualified Manager forms and shall be in full force and effect until written revocation is received by the Commission or until a new form is requested by the Commission and executed by me/us.

The undersigned permit holder(s)/applicant(s) further certifies that this Designation of Qualified Manager was completely filled in at the time of this execution.

I read, write, and understand English, or I have had the permit process and all documents, including this Designation of Qualified Manager form sufficiently explained to me.

Signed this _____ day of _____
Day Month Year Master Account Number

This form MUST BE NOTARIZED.

Permit Holder's/Applicant's Full Legal Name—Printed or Typed

The NOTARY FORM MUST STATE THE TITLE OF THIS DOCUMENT AS "Designation of Qualified Manager" or the form will not be accepted. Notary, see additional instructions below.

Permit Holder's/Applicant's Signature(s)

Notary must complete the information below:

Notary's street address: _____

Notary's city, state, and zip code: _____

Notary Public's Phone #: _____

Notary Public's email address (optional): _____

After receipt and review of the completed form, this Designation of Qualified Manager will be applied to all permit holder accounts. This form is to be utilized for the establishing of the Qualified Manager only, and the Qualified Manager is responsible for contacting the City to request any information or complete any transaction.

The following is an excerpt of the Los Angeles
municipal Code outlining the City law regarding
Tow Operation police permits.

Section 103. 204 Tow Operation

SEC. 103.204. TOWING OPERATION.

(Added by Ord. No. 139,363, Eff. 11/23/69.)

(a) **Towing Operation Defined.** As used in this article, “**towing operation**” means the activity of towing vehicles for compensation within the City of Los Angeles. Towing operation includes the storing of vehicles and all other services performed incident to towing.

EXEMPTIONS:

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any towing operation:

- (1) That provides tow service exclusively to members of an association, automobile club or similar organization, and receives remuneration only from the sponsoring association, automobile club or similar organization;
- (2) That provides tow service without charge or fee for other vehicles owned or operated by the individual or organization furnishing tow service;
- (3) That provides tow service for other vehicles owned or operated by the individual or organization furnishing the tow service, but which are being operated under terms of a rent or lease agreement or contract, and such towing is performed on a non-profit basis or said fee is a part of the rent or lease agreement or contract;
- (4) That, being located in another city, enters the City of Los Angeles on a non-emergency towing assignment for the purpose of towing a disabled vehicle back to said city for repair.

A non-emergency towing assignment includes towing of vehicles that have been involved in a collision, but have been removed from the scene, that have experienced mechanical failure, but have been removed from the roadway and no longer constitute a hazard; or that, being mechanically operative, are towed for convenience. All non-emergency towing assignments require prior authorization by persons listed in (f)(1), (2), (3) or (4). Persons soliciting for such non-emergency towing assignments within the City of Los Angeles shall be deemed to come within the provisions of this article and are required to have a permit as specified herein.

(b) **Permit Required.** No person shall engage in, manage, conduct or operate a towing operation business without a written permit from the Board.

(c) **Business Location.** Any person conducting a towing operation-business shall maintain a physical location from which said business is conducted. Such physical location shall provide an office with an adjacent yard for vehicle storage. Such location shall be approved by the Board prior to the permit being issued.

(d) **Change of Location.** A change of location may be endorsed on a permit by the Board upon an application by the permittee accompanied by the change of location fee prescribed by Section 103.12 of this Code.

(e) **Towing Authorization.** A permittee shall not attach a vehicle to a tow unit without first receiving written authorization to do so by the registered owner, legal owner, driver, or other person in control of said vehicle. Such authorization shall list the services offered and the rates and charges required therefor. A copy of such authorization shall be furnished to the person authorizing the tow. Such copy shall list the name, address and telephone number of the towing operation business and the days and hours the business is open for release of vehicles. Such copy shall also be signed by the tow unit operator performing the authorized service.

(f) **Itemized Statement – When Required.** A permittee shall hereunder furnish an itemized statement to the person authorizing the towing service, or his agent. Such permittee shall furnish an itemized statement of services performed, labor and special equipment used in completing tow of vehicle and of the charges made therefor upon the request of:

- (1) The registered owner; or
- (2) The legal owner; or
- (3) The insurance carrier of either (1) or (2); or
- (4) The duly authorized agent of (1), (2), or (3).

Such permittee shall furnish a copy of the statement to any person authorized to receive the statement without demanding payment as a condition precedent.

(g) **Vehicle Repair or Alteration – When Permitted.** A permittee hereunder shall refrain from making any repairs or alterations to a vehicle without first being authorized by one of the persons listed in (f) (1), (2), (3), or (4). Parts or accessories shall not be removed from vehicles without authorization except as necessary for security purposes. Under such circumstances, the parts or accessories removed shall be listed on the itemized statement and stored in the business office. This section shall not be construed to prohibit permittees from making emergency alterations necessary to permit the removal by towing of such vehicle.

(h) **Disciplinary Action – Additional Grounds.** The following acts committed by a permittee hereunder shall be grounds for disciplinary action in addition to the grounds listed in Section 103.35 of this Code.

- (1) The permittee, his agents or employees, obtained a tow contract by use of fraud, trick, dishonesty or forgery; or
- (2) The permittee, his agents or employees, stopped on any street, highway or other public thoroughfare to render assistance to a person or disabled vehicle without first being requested to do so; or
- (3) The permittee, his agents or employees, towed a vehicle to a location other than listed as the business address of such permittee without first receiving authorization to do so by the person authorizing the tow; or
- (4) The permittee, his agents or employees, after towing a vehicle to the business location of permittee, without authorization, towed such vehicle to another location for storage; or
- (5) The permittee, his agents or employees, have conspired with any person to defraud any owner of any vehicle, or any insurance company, or any other person financially interested in the cost of the towing or storage of any vehicle, by making false or deceptive statements relating to the towing or storage of any vehicle; or
- (6) The permittee, his agent or employees, removed a vehicle involved in a collision prior to arrival by police, and; a person, as a result of such collision, suffered death or injury, or the driver of an involved vehicle, or a party to such collision, was under the influence of an intoxicant of any nature, or there is evidence that such vehicle was involved in a hit and run collision; or
- (7) The permittee, his agent or employees, have charged for services not performed, equipment not employed or used, services or equipment not needed, or have otherwise materially misstated the nature of any service performed or equipment used.
- (8) Failure of the permittee, his agent or employees, while on duty as an Official Police Garage Tow Unit Operator to wear the uniform of an Official Police Garage Tow Unit Operator as specified by the Board. **(Amended by Ord. No. 143,624, Eff. 8/24/72.)**

(i) **Prerequisite to Application.**

(1) **Insurance Required.** Before an application for a permit to operate a towing operation will be received or acted upon, the applicant must file with the City Attorney satisfactory evidence of insurance written by an insurance company admitted to do business in this State.

(2) **Insurance Coverage – Minimum Required.** Applicants are required to have minimum coverage as follows:

- (A) Bodily injury – \$100,000 any one person, \$300,000 covering two or more persons in any one accident.
- (B) Property damage – \$25,000 each accident.
- (C) Comprehensive fire and theft covering auto and contents.

(j) **Release of Vehicle.** Permittees shall provide for release of vehicles Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding officially recognized holidays. Permittees may additionally release vehicles on other days and hours.

Upon the application to the Board and a showing of hardship by the permittee, the Board may permit an adjustment in the days and hours during which vehicles are to be released.

(k) **Rates and Charges – Signs – Change of.**

(1) Permittees shall maintain a sign listing the rules and charges of all services offered. Such sign shall be conspicuously placed in the office or other place where customer financial transactions take place. The letters on such sign shall be a minimum of one inch high with one quarter inch stroke. The letters shall be a contrasting color from the background.

(2) Applicants for towing operation permits shall file a schedule of rates and charges for each service offered with their application. No charge other than the rates and charges specified in such schedule shall be made except as herein provided.

Changes in rates and charges shall be made by written notice containing the new schedule of rates and charges to the Board at least 10 days prior to becoming effective. A duplicate copy of such notice shall be posted for a period of 10 days in the office next to the posted schedule of the existing rates and charges. Upon the expiration of the 10-day period the rates and charges shall be changed in accordance with such notice.

The Board may, upon a showing of hardship, permit a revision of the rate and charge schedule within the 10-day period.

(l) **Notification to the Police Department – When Required.** The Board may require a permittee to make notification to the Police Department whenever a vehicle is towed under the provisions of this article. Such notification shall be made as prescribed by the Board.

(m) **Tow Unit Operator – Identification.** A tow unit operator shall wear his name insignia attached in a conspicuous place on his clothing. A tow unit operator shall identify himself by giving his full, correct name to any patron of the towing operation upon request.

(n) **Tow Unit – Identification.** A tow unit shall have the permittee’s Police Commission identification number on both sides of the unit in a conspicuous place. Such marking shall be in addition to those required by the California Vehicle Code and shall meet the same requirements.

(o) **Investigation.** Upon the filing of such application the Board shall make investigation as it deems necessary, and if the Board finds that the conduct or operation of a towing operation would not be detrimental or injurious to the public welfare, and that the applicant is of good character and of good business repute, and has not been convicted of theft or embezzlement, or of any offense involving the unlawful use, taking or conversion of a vehicle belonging to another, and is otherwise a fit and proper person to conduct a towing operation, or if the applicant is a corporation, its officers, directors and principal stockholders are of good character and of good business repute, and have not been convicted of theft or embezzlement, or of any offense involving the unlawful use, taking or conversion of a vehicle belonging to another, and are otherwise fit and proper persons to conduct such business, issue the permit, otherwise, the application shall be denied only after the Board shall conduct a hearing on said application.

SEC. 103.204.1. TOW UNIT OPERATORS.

(Amended by Ord. No. 152,905, Eff. 10/19/79.)

(a) Permit Required. (Amended by Ord. No. 158,406, Eff. 11/20/83.)

(1) No person shall operate or drive a tow unit nor shall any person be employed as a tow unit operator until such time as said person has received a written permit from the Board to act as a tow unit operator except that any person employed as a tow unit operator may operate a tow truck without permit while under the immediate and direct supervision of a permitted tow unit operator for a period of not to exceed seven consecutive calendar days from the initial date of employment.

(2) In addition to or in lieu of a Board-issued temporary permit authorized by 103.06(b), a temporary permit not to exceed 45 days may be issued to an applicant by the Secretary of the Board provided the following conditions are met:

- a. An application for permit is on file at the main office of the City Clerk and all permit fees have been paid; and
- b. A preliminary investigation by Commission staff does not reveal information which would normally constitute grounds for denial; and
- c. The applicant possesses a valid California Driver’s license.

The Secretary of the Board may suspend such temporary permit at any time if the Secretary has reason to believe that any of the above conditions have not been met. The Secretary shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for any such suspension, and the application for a permanent permit shall continue to be processed according to provisions of this Code and any applicable rules and regulations of the Board.

(b) **Identification Card.** Every person possessing either a temporary or permanent permit to act as a tow unit operator shall at all times while directly engaged in the operation of a tow unit carry upon his or her person an identification card issued by the Board identifying the bearer as a tow unit operator and shall display such card to any police officer upon request. The identification card shall bear the name, physical description, business address, and photograph of the permittee and the name and address of the garage employing the permittee.

The identification card shall be returned to the Board immediately upon suspension, revocation or termination of employment.

(c) **Official Police Garage Tow Unit Operator.** As used in this article, Official Police Garage Tow Unit Operator means the driver of a tow unit employed by an Official Police Garage to respond to police-initiated requests for tow service. No person shall operate as tow unit bearing an Official Police Garage insignia without written permission from the Board.

(d) **Change of Location.** A change of location may be endorsed on a permit by the Board upon a written application by the permittee accompanied by a change of location fee prescribed in Section 103.12 of this Code.