



TOWING TOPIC SUBMISSION

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TOPIC OR DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE:
Ev storage

HOW IS THIS IMPACTING THE INDUSTRY?
Ev storage safety concerns. Today we brought in a hybrid vehicle, that even after being burned down to the frame, was still sparking. I have sent the videos that my driver provided me to the Tow Coordinator.

REASON FOR CONSIDERATION OR CHANGE TO THE REGULATIONS?
Ev and hybrid vehicles still spark and could reignite after the fire has been put out. This could catch other vehicles and structures on fire in nearby areas. This is impacting our business as we can not guarantee the protection of vehicles in our care when we're forced to place hazardous vehicles next to them. Many vehicles in our care are from lower income groups and could contain sentimental items that could not be replaced by insurance.

WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SOLUTION?
With increasing political pressure to shift from traditional fuels to alternative fuels, this is only going to be a more common issue that we can not neglect. The Tow Contractors are going to be forced to purchase or build a space that can safely contain these hazardous vehicles. This comes with a great expense to the Tow Contractor in terms of the cost of purchasing or building these containment areas and the added room that these units will take up in our ever shirking yards. I feel like the city needs to act now to propose a solution to these storage demands. At minimum we need to define what a hazardous Ev/hybrid vehicle is and what is a reasonable amount to charge for this storage. Majority of the time the cost of this storage will be a burden of the insurance company and should not have an impact on our community.

WAS A FILE/IMAGE UPLOADED WITH THIS SUBMISSION? No

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