

REQUESTED BY:
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LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0024R

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO, TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION OF A CITY-OWNED POLICE IMPOUND LOT; PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT(S) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY-OWNED POLICE IMPOUND LOT FOR THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES IMPOUNDED BY THE WARREN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 12939/2020

WHEREAS, Section 131.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren, Ohio and Section 4513.61 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the method of impoundment and towing of vehicles by the Warren City Police Department under certain circumstances that are necessary or mandatory to remove a vehicle(s) from public or private property; and

WHEREAS, over 1,004 vehicles were impounded and towed by the Warren City Police Department in the year 2016, a figure that is immensely increasing each year; and

WHEREAS, various impound lots located in the City of Warren, Ohio are becoming overcrowded with the storage of impounded vehicles due to such increases; and

WHEREAS, collectively the City of Warren and the Warren City Police Department have the property, manpower and ability to establish, operate and maintain a self-sustained City-owned Police impound lot that will generate financial resources necessary to maintain costly repairs needed for the vehicle fleet and replace Police vehicles as necessary, therefore, lessening the burden of the general fund of the City of Warren, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby approves the establishment, location and funding necessary for the construction and purchase of equipment for a City-owned Police impound lot for the storage of vehicles impounded by the Warren City Police Department; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety be, and hereby are, authorized, for and on behalf of the City of Warren, Ohio to authorize the establishment and location of a City-owned Police impound lot, provide for the funding of the construction and purchase of equipment for the City-owned Police impound lot and advertise for bids and enter into a contract(s) according to law for the construction of a City-owned Police impound lot for the storage of vehicles impounded by the Warren Police Department located in the City of Warren, Ohio.

Section 2: That any contract(s) to be entered into or participated in for the construction and purchase of equipment for the City-owned Police impound lot shall first be approved by the Law Director. Moreover, the City Auditor is hereby authorized to disburse said funds upon receipt of the proper vouchers, signed by the proper persons, for the stated purpose and for no other purpose.

Section 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety, and for the further reason that the construction project can proceed in a timely fashion at the earliest possible time and without undue delay, and during appropriate construction weather. WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall go into immediate effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed in Council this 12TH day of MAY, 2020.

SIGNED: James C. Baker

President of Council

ATTEST: Shirley A. Smith

Clerk

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 5-12-2020

DATE APPROVED: 5-12-2020

William D. Smith
MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO