

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 100587)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's Committee of the Whole to hold a public hearing to investigate and determine the cause of the ongoing problems with the rotational towing program in the City of Philadelphia.

**WHEREAS**, On January 3, 2008, Mayor John F. Street signed into law Bill # 070556 amending

Bill #040595, a bill originally sponsored by Councilman Rizzo and co-sponsored by fifteen other Council members and which established a system of rotational towing; and

**WHEREAS**, Following close to a year-long delay, the rotational towing program was finally implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, On Monday, July 19, 2010, while responding to a motor vehicle accident scene, a tow truck driver was shot allegedly by a rival tow truck driver; and

**WHEREAS**, In the days following the July 19<sup>th</sup> shooting, other violence erupted involving several competing towing companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Such violent acts endanger the residents and visitors alike in the City of Philadelphia and their safety and welfare are paramount; and

**WHEREAS**, The rotational towing program, as implemented, has serious problems that must be eliminated enabling the program to run more efficiently, effectively, and safely; and

**WHEREAS**, It is critical that the problems be resolved to avoid the possibility of further outbreaks of violence among some owners and/or operators of tow trucks doing business in the City of Philadelphia.

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**NOW BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,** That it authorizes City Council's Committee of the Whole to hold a public hearing to investigate and determine the cause of ongoing problems with the rotational towing program in the City of Philadelphia.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the sixteenth of September, 2010.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Rizzo

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Rizzo, Goode, Greenlee, Clarke, Tasco, Sanchez, Miller, Blackwell, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Green, Reynolds Brown, Krajewski, O'Neill, Jones and Kelly