



# City of Philadelphia

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## Legislation Text

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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.

**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.