



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-1855, **Agenda Item #:** 45.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 9-1 (*Abandoned Property and Vehicles*) to authorize the City Manager to authorize designated employees to request from the Austin Police Department the removal and impoundment of abandoned vehicles in accordance with State law. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Under current City Code Chapter 9-1, a police officer or a civilian employee designated by the Austin Police Chief may request the tow of an abandoned vehicle pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Chapter 683. This action will approve an ordinance amending Chapter 9-1 to authorize the City Manager, in addition to the Police Chief, to designate an employee to request from the police department the removal and impoundment of a vehicle that is parked illegally pursuant to Chapter 683, or that is parked legally and has been unattended for more than 48 hours and the employee has reasonable grounds to believe the vehicle is an abandoned motor vehicle, in accordance with Texas Occupations Code Section 2308.354.