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Subject: Predatory Towing

Representative Stenquist, Draper councilmembers, and Ms. Giardinelli:

I am bringing the issue of predatory towing to your attention because it has and continues to be an ongoing problem in Utah. I myself have been victimized twice, once at an apartment complex in N. Salt Lake, and just two weeks ago at an apt complex in Draper.

The towing companies both are located in Murray, and a good distance from the apt complexes where I was and am a resident -- Alpha Towing and Legacy Towing. They both allegedly have legal permission to tow without warning.

In both cases, I mistakenly parked in the wrong parking space. The first experience was described in an Op-Ed in Deseret News in late December 2018 or early January 2019. In the earlier case, I went to the N. Salt Lake City Council and received support not only from council members but the city's police chief.

Since a law requiring signage was passed in the state legislature, about which Ms. Giardinelli did a story. However, it did not protect me from getting towed again from a property where I not only pay rent but a monthly fee to park.

Tory Stauffer, whose family has been in the towing business locally for 64 years provided me with a statement to read to the N. Salt Lake City Council about the practice of predatory towing, which his company refuses to engage in. He wrote in part:

Over the years the rules and regulations have needed reformed and updated for the protection of the public. The public needs protection from towing companies who have found ways to profit off towing vehicles that is unfair and unjust to the motoring public Ogden City has changed the laws regarding private property impounds and drastically reduced the hardship the citizens have experienced due to these types of impounds Notification should be required to be given to individuals and a time period should be allowed, before their vehicle can be removed. We believe these laws would be of great benefit . . .

In light of recent legislation, I would like to know if the practice of towing on a private property where one pays rent without permission or notification is actually legal. If not, it should be made illegal.

I hope action will be taken to protect the property of individuals like myself. Furthermore, the practice of forcing the owners of cars who have parked on the property where they pay rent and been towed without warning to pay a storage fee that increases daily is extortion, and action to stop this practice should be taken immediately.

Please read this statement at the next city council meeting in Draper.

Respectfully, Tom Calarco