

8/7/2025 TTAB Meeting Minutes

- 5:33 – Chair Kennedy begins meeting.
- 5:35 – Board reviewed the minutes from 10/3/2024 meeting and recapped the meeting. Motion raised and approved to accept minutes from 10/2024 TTAB meeting.
- 5:40 – Chair Kennedy review the agenda for meeting.
- 5:41 – Chairperson changes over from David Kennedy to Al Leach (tower representative).
- 5:45 – Staff Coordinator presents a PowerPoint review of towing fees in Arlington County, Planning District 8, and the rest of the Commonwealth.
- 5:55 – Board discusses the following topics:
 - Raising fees, David Kennedy discusses possibility of changing signs to include fees at parking lots,
 - The newly implemented permitting system,
 - The possibility of proposing County Code 14.3 be amended to allow for contracts being provided upon request, as opposed to having towers submit all contracts to the County to receive a permit.
- **6:20 – public comment:**
 - **Mike Reynolds: A-1 Towing –**
 - Regarding potentially putting towing fees on signs – this would be a significant financial burden on tower.
 - Any fee increases should be based on costs to towers.
 - Expressed a concern regarding the County having multiple inspectors with different discretion & interpretation of the County Code regarding the placement of signage when investigating consumer complaints.
 - Discussed the significance of losing the fuel surcharge.
 - Expressed a concern that Arlington County’s current fee structure is driving towers to stop operating in Arlington.
 - **John O Neil: Advanced Towing –**
 - Expressed concern that the County Ordinance is not fair to tower, and that towers need higher fees based on increased operating costs.
 - Stated Advanced Towing is “in the red” financially.
 - **Joe Douglas: Pete’s Towing –**
 - Stated he supports raising the towing fees and expressed a significant loss of revenue from loss of fuel surcharge.

- Stated he believes the towers will remain good actors as a result of the newly implemented permitting system.
- **Gina Mullins: Advanced Towing –**
 - Discussed personal struggles with towers experience living on revenue generated on current fee structure; stated that the current fee structure does not allow enough revenue generated to pay for healthcare benefits for their employees.
- **6:50 – Raised motions & votes:**
 - Shawn Blow (Sgt., ACPD) raises a motion to recommend increasing initial hookup & tow fees to \$210 to the County Board.
 - Al Leach Seconds the motion.
 - Al leach voted yes.
 - Shawn Blow voted yes.
 - David Kennedy votes no.
 - **Motion passes 2 to 1.**
 - David Kennedy raises a motion to recommend the County Board amend County Code 14.3 to require that towers provide towing contracts with private property owners to the County upon request as opposed to providing all their contracts for them to receive locality permits.
 - Shawn Blow seconds the motion
 - The board unanimously votes in favor; **Motion passes.**
 - David Kennedy raises a motion to recommend the County Board amend County Code 14.3 to allow TTAB to review appeals related to locality permits and make their recommendation to the County Board within 7-10 days of receiving appeal, before the County Board holds the hearing and makes a final decision.
 - Shawn Blow seconds the motion.
 - The board unanimously votes in favor; **Motion passes.**
- **7:00 – Meeting Adjourned**