

# DUI & VEHICLE IMPOUND COST RECOVERY FEE UPDATE 2025

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# PURPOSE

- Update VICR fees to reflect actual City costs
- Ensure full cost recovery for standard and DUI-related impounds
- Request Council adoption of updated resolution





# WHY THE CHANGE?

- Last update: 2014
- Increased Sheriff's contract rates
- Regional comparison shows Palm Desert undercharging
- Align with inflation and actual staff time

# PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENT

| Fee Type         | Current | Proposed |
|------------------|---------|----------|
| Standard Impound | \$165   | \$275    |
| DUI Impound      | \$705   | \$1,190  |

# COST BREAKDOWN

## Standard:

- Deputy/Admin time = \$274.55 → Rounded: \$275

## DUI:

- Deputy/Admin time = \$1,192.75 → Rounded: \$1,190

# REGIONAL COMPARISON

Palm Desert's proposed DUI fee is aligned with full cost recovery and higher than nearby cities:

- Indian Wells: \$670
- Cathedral City: \$566
- Rancho Mirage, La Quinta: No DUI-specific fee

# KEY PROVISIONS

- Annual increase (from July 2026): lesser of 5% or Sheriff's rate hike
- Refunds available upon acquittal (within 30 days)
- Replaces Resolution No. 2014-95



# RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt Resolution No. 2025-\_\_\_\_
- Approve updated VICR fees
- Implement automatic adjustments



# THANK YOU

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