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August 4, 2025

Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

**RE: Request for Ordinance to Impose Fines on Unlicensed Tow Truck Operators for approval at the August 13, 2025 City Council Meeting**

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council,

The Department of Public Safety requests your approval of an ordinance amending the Mount Vernon City Charter to impose fines on tow truck operators conducting business within the city without the required license.

We propose that the following language be added to Section 243 of the Charter:

*"Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$20,000. Additionally, any owner of a tow truck found in violation shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$1,500 and not more than \$10,000 per offense."*

This amendment is vital to protect Mount Vernon residents. The operation of unlicensed tow trucks presents a serious risk to public safety and consumer protection. Without proper licensing and oversight, residents may face, unexpected towing fees, exposure to fraudulent or predatory business practices, and potential liability for damages during the towing process. Licensing ensures accountability, safety standards, and lawful operation. Enforcing penalties for noncompliance will deter unauthorized operators.

If this request meets with the approval of your Honorable Body, we ask that legislation be enacted granting this approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Gibson".

David Gibson  
Commissioner of Public Safety

Cc: Mayor  
Comptroller  
Law Department