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Re: Towing repossessed vehicles requires a license

Dear Mr. ██████████

This letter responds to your inquiry whether a NYC Department of Consumer Affairs ("DCA" or "the Department") tow truck license is required to repossess vehicles in New York City. The answer is that a license is required.

Pursuant to NYC Administrative Code ("Code") §20-496, "no person shall engage in towing without . . . a license. . . ." The Code defines towing as ". . . the driving or other operation of a tow truck. . ." See Code §20-495(d). Section 20-524 of the Code exempts specific types of tows from the licensing requirement. Repossessing vehicles is not one of the specific exemptions outlined in the Code. Therefore, your company requires a DCA license to engage in the towing activity you describe.

For your convenience, enclosed please find an application for a Tow Truck Company and a Tow Truck Driver.

Sincerely,

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