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New tow truck to pull in vehicles illegally obstructing roads

The new Traffic Law Enforcement, Licensing and Security Services has acquired a new tow truck at a cost of R530 000.

Deputy Director: Traffic Law Enforcement, Licensing and Security Services, Pamela Mkosi said the truck, which can tow vehicles weighing up to 3500kg, will respond quickly to complaints of illegal parking or vehicles illegally obstructing roads.

"The response time will be much better and quicker. We also need to protect the rights of people like the disabled who are unable to park their cars in designated parking bays because of illegal parking by able-bodied people."

Previously the municipality used external towing services to remove these vehicles, but due to intimidation by drivers of vehicles illegally obstructing roads and parking areas, it was deemed necessary for the municipality to purchase its own tow truck.

"The contracted towing company was getting bad publicity from the public who would complain or intimidate them instead of contacting the municipality about their impounded vehicles," explained Mkosi.

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Yours faithfully

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