It is understood that in today’s sessions, we will not discuss any issues which would violate antitrust guidelines.

**Antitrust Guidelines**

Avoiding violations of the antitrust laws is the responsibility and legal obligation of the business owner. Any discussion of current prices or discounts with a competitor should be avoided. In our industry, this includes discounts, time, hourly rates charged to insurance companies, individuals, fleet owners, dealers or other shops for repairing vehicles.

Surveys of prices, discounts and costs are permissible, but only under strict guidelines and only if they are not part of a conspiracy to fix prices or to otherwise restrain trade.

Cost studies, which lead to price-fixing or price-stabilizing agreements violate the antitrust laws.

Remember, the prices charged must be calculated and determined by the business owner alone. These prices should take into account the cost of doing business and include allowances for reasonable profit.