BOROUGH OF LONGPORT COUNTY OF ATLANTIC ORDINANCE 2024-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

Chapters 158-10 and 13 Regarding Towing in the Borough of Longport.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT that:

Borough of Longport Code Provision Chapter §158-10 and Chapter §158-13 are hereby amended as follows:

§ 158-10 Towing and storage fee schedule; releases; reporting of damages.

A. The following are the approved fees:

Type of Service	Fee
Transporting (towing) of illegally parked, impounded or disabled motor vehicle	\$ 100- 125
Transporting (towing) of motor vehicle from an accident scene, to include cleaning and removal of area debris	\$ 120 150
Flatbed service	\$ 100 125
Lockouts	\$100
Winching (per hour)	\$100
Service calls [(lock out/jump/tow)]	[\$75]
Borough-owned vehicles	Free in City Limits. 50% of applicable listed fee
Drop fee (vehicle must be hooked to collect drop fee)	50% of applicable listed fee
Labor rate (per hour) (Note: In unusual or extreme situations, the official tower may charge the labor rate per hour in addition to the approved fees listed in this section.)	[\$75]
Storage rate (per day)	\$ 25 40
Emergency after-hours release fee (Note: After-hours release fee in effect	\$ 25 35
from 11:00 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. each day, including holidays and weekends.)	[\$35]
[Administration Fee]	[\$00]
[Towing services]	[\$140]
[Yard Fee]	[\$40]

<u>B.</u> There shall be no charge for towing of any motor vehicle or impounding of a motor vehicle for police investigative purposes at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee.

- <u>C.</u> The official tower shall provide, at his/her expense, a printed rate card, four inches by six inches, which will be provided to the Police Department for distribution to vehicle owners at the scene of an accident or when requesting a vehicle release authorization from the Police Department. The rate card shall provide information on claiming a vehicle, the name of the business, its owner, and the tower's license number, as well as the business location, telephone number and hours of operation for the public. The card shall also state its rates for towing services and include all methods of payment accepted.
- <u>D.</u> All prior damage to towed vehicles is to be reported immediately to the Police Department for entry into the tow log.
- <u>E.</u> The official tower, at his/her expense, will prepare a printed bill for distribution to the customer, reflecting the amount to be paid in accordance with the approved fees stated on the printed rate card and § <u>158-10A</u> of this chapter.
- <u>F.</u> There shall be no additional fees charged by the official towers other than those listed in this chapter.

§ 158-13 Miscellaneous provisions.

[H. Official tower must comply with this Ordinance and all New Jersey laws including the "Predatory Towing Prevention Act" N.J.S.A. 56:13-1 through 23, N.J.S.A. 39:84.8 and Admirative Code Title 13 Chapter 45A Subchapter 31, "Private Property and Non-Consensual Towing". To the extent any provisions of Ordinance Chapter 158:1-15 are in conflict with New Jersey Law, State law supersedes and official tower shall comply with State law including, but not limited to, pricing and services provided.

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