

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN CHAPTER IV, § 4-12, ENTITLED “REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AUTOMOBILE TOW TRUCKS AND WRECKERS ROTATING CALL LIST” AMENDING § 4-12.4 PERMIT FEES AND § 4-12.11 RATES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, being the Governing Body thereof, that Chapter IV of the Code of the Township of Aberdeen, entitled General Licensing and Business Regulations Sections 4-12.4 entitled Permit Fees and 4-12.11 entitled Rates is hereby amended as follows:

4-12.4 Permit Fee.

Upon filing, each application shall be accompanied by a two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar permit fee. If the application is rejected, one-half of the fee shall be returned to the applicant. The renewal fees shall also be two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and prorated on the same basis if rejected.

4-12.11 Rates.

a. Charges for transportation, hauling or service of disabled motor vehicles by an approved wrecker or operator of any approved wrecker shall not exceed the following rates:

1. For conveying any passenger automobiles within the Township having a gross vehicle weight (“GVW”) up to 10,000 pounds, a maximum fee of one hundred forty-five (\$145) dollars exclusive of tax. Station wagons, vans, pickup trucks and panel trucks up to one and one-half (1 1/2) tons shall be considered the same as passenger automobiles for the purpose of determining rates. For conveying any motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight ("GVW") between 10,000 pounds to 16,000 pounds, a maximum fee of two hundred (\$200) dollars exclusive of tax. For conveying any motor vehicle with a GVW between 16,000 pounds to 30,000 pounds, a maximum fee of three hundred fifty (\$350) dollars exclusive of tax. For conveying any motor vehicle with a GVW between 30,000 pounds to 80,000 pounds, a maximum fee of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars exclusive of tax.

2. If an additional heavy-duty wrecker is used for towing an additional two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars will be charged. If additional manpower is required, there shall be an additional charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per person. If roadside assistance is required there shall be a charge of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per hour. If commercial roadside assistance is required there shall be a charge of one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars per hour.

3. For every day of dead storage, which shall not begin until after the first twelve (12) hours of storage, the charge will be forty (\$40) dollars per calendar day for a passenger vehicle having a GVW under 10,000 pounds; seventy (\$70.00) dollars per calendar day for a vehicle with a GVW between 10,000 pounds and 30,000 pounds; and one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per calendar day for a vehicle with a GVW between 30,000 pounds and 80,000 pounds.

4. The following additional fees may be imposed related to the storage of vehicles: a) a yard fee of sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars, b) an administrative fee of forty-five (\$45.00) dollars, c) an after-hours release fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars and d) a no key charge of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

5. Waiting time for wreckers shall be charged a flat rate of sixty (\$60) dollars per half-hour. Winching/Recovery time shall be charged at one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars for the first half hour and one hundred fifty (\$150.00) per half hour thereafter. Waiting time and/or winching time charges shall not begin until one-half (1/2) hour after the time of arrival of the wrecker at the scene and shall be prorated into quarter hours. Waiting time and winching time shall not be individually charged for the same period. The charge for cleanup at the scene will be a flat fee of sixty-five (\$65.00) dollars.

6. The charge for towing of Police vehicles and/or tire changes will be forty (\$40.00) dollars.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

Introduced: December 7, 2023

Adopted: December 21, 2023