

**TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR
COUNTY OF MERCER**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER V,
“GENERAL POLICE REGULATIONS,” SECTION 5-16 “TOWING AND
STORAGE OF VEHICLES,” SUBSECTION 5-16.7 “TOWING AND STORAGE
FEES,” TO REVISE THE TOWING AND STORAGE FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST
WINDSOR**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF EAST WINDSOR** in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey, that the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of East Windsor is hereby amended as follows (deleted sections are noted by strikethroughs, new sections are underlined):

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1. Chapter V, "General Police Regulations," Section 5-16, "Towing and Storage of Vehicles," Subsection 5-16.7 "Towing and Storage Fees," is hereby amended as follows:
 - a. The following rates for cars, vans, pickups and four wheel vehicles up to 6,000 pounds and motorcycles will apply for the first half hour of service except for crane service. After the first half hour of service, all time will be charged at \$75 per hour. If dolly wheels are used, there will be an additional charge of \$15.
 1. Cars, vans, pickups and four wheel vehicles up to 6,000 pounds:
Normal tow within township limits: ~~\$100~~ \$175.
Winch job, pole, roll over: ~~\$100~~ \$150 minimum.
Car carrier: \$100.
 2. Motorcycles and bikes:
Pick-up of motorcycles: ~~\$75~~ \$175
Pick-up of trail bikes or minibikes: ~~\$75~~ \$175.
Use of flatbed: ~~\$75~~ \$175.
 3. Tows outside the township limits will be charged at \$3 per mile plus tolls.
 4. Crane service shall be ~~\$450~~ \$500 per hour with a minimum of two hours to be charged.
 5. A basic environmental or crash scene clean-up includes removing of debris, sweeping of glass and vehicle fluids using an absorbent material. The rate

shall be charged at ~~\$50~~ \$75 for the first 30 minutes which includes the service and one bag or absorbent. Additional bags shall be charged at a rate of ~~\$20~~ \$30 for each.

b. The following rates for trucks, tractor trailers, buses and other vehicles over 6,000 pounds will apply for the first half hour of service. After the first half hour of service, all time will be charged at ~~\$200~~ \$250 per hour except for crane service. Additional wreckers called out will be charged at \$200 per hour. An extra person, if needed, will be charged at an additional \$50 per hour.

1. Trucks and vehicles over 6,000 pounds:
Normal tow within township limits:
6,000 pounds to 15,000 pounds: ~~\$200~~ \$250
Over 15,000 pounds: ~~\$350~~ \$400
2. School buses:
Normal tow within township limits: ~~\$150~~ \$200
3. Buses (private or charter):
Normal tow within township limits: ~~\$450~~ \$500
4. Tractor trailers:
Normal tow within township limits: ~~\$450~~ \$500
5. Tows outside the township limits will be charged at \$5 per mile. (Trailers will be dropped at nearest possible location.)
6. Crane service shall be ~~\$450~~ \$500 per hour with a minimum of two hours to be charged.
7. Specialized equipment rates:
Heavy duty underlift: \$325 per hour
48 foot tilt trailer service: \$325 per hour.

c. Double Tow. When any vehicle is brought from the original location to police headquarters for investigative purposes, and upon completion, is moved from police headquarters to a final destination, the charge will be one and one-half times the actual rate for one tow.

d. Roadside Assistance Calls.

1. Basic roadside assistance such as tire changing, up to two gallons of fuel, or jump starting. Due to roadway design, traffic patterns, and the inability to conduct quick roadside assistance, the Township of East Windsor does not recognize roadside assistance for vehicle in excess of 16,001 lbs. Disabled vehicles over 16,001 lbs. must be towed from the roadway or any other

vehicle deemed to be unsafe on the roadway. If the roadside assistance call for service results in a tow, then the vehicle operator will only be charged for the towing.

The rates charged for roadside assistance for the first 20 minutes will be:

Cars, vans, pickups and four wheel vehicles up to 6,000 pounds
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$55
5:01 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. \$65

Trucks and buses
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$85
5:01 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. \$95

2. After the first 20 minutes, all time will be charged at \$75 per hour.

e. Storage.

1. Storage begins at the date and time vehicle is placed on property of towing service. Storage will be charged for each 24 hour time period (or any portion thereof) as set forth below. Any vehicle release prior to 12 hours storage will be charged at only half of the 24 hour rate, except as set forth below.

Cars:

Impounds and disabled	\$35 <u>\$45</u> /each 24 hours
Accidents	\$35 <u>\$45</u> /each 24 hours
Inside storage	\$50 <u>\$60</u> /each 24 hours
Vehicles kept over 12 hours, but under 24 hours	\$20/each

Motorcycles, minibikes, trail bikes (must be locked in secure enclosure):
\$30/each 24 hours

Trucks:

Tractor	\$75/each 24 hours
Trailer	\$75/each 24 hours
Both tractor and trailer	\$125 <u>\$150</u> /each 24 hours
Buses	\$75 <u>\$150</u> /each 24 hours

Township vehicles:

For first 30 days	\$3/each 24 hours
For 31 st day and thereafter (not to exceed \$400)	\$2/each 24 hours

2. The towing service will have someone available daily to release vehicles after normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will charge as follows:

5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	\$25 <u>\$50</u> administrative release cost
12:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	\$30 <u>\$75</u> administrative release cost

**II
REPEAL**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**III
SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**IV
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

ALLISON QUIGLEY
Municipal Clerk

JANICE S. MIRONOV
Mayor