

ORDINANCE #2026-007

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV ENTITLED "GENERAL LICENSING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 4-6 ET. SEQ. (LICENSED TOWING OPERATORS REQUIREMENTS)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter IV entitled "General Licensing" of the revised general ordinances of the Township of Lakewood, specifically Section 4-6 entitled "Licensed Towing Operators Requirements" be and hereby is amended and supplemented specifically as follows (Underling represents additions; cross outs (~~cross outs~~) are deletions).

§ 4-6.11 Rates Schedule.

[Ord. No. 2010-80; amended 3-20-2025 by Ord. No. 2025-015]

Every operator of a towing service shall give the owner a written itemized bill for the towing cost and a written receipt when paid. A schedule of the towing regulations and fees shall be posted for viewing by the public at each towing business on the Police Duty List and in the Traffic Safety Office in the Police Department. Towing fees and charges shall be as follows:

a.

Towing.

1. Automobile and trucks with a gross vehicle weight requirement (GVWR) of 5,500 pounds or under

Flat Rate

\$150

Motorcycles, motor scooters and snow removal may require additional labor or includes the use of special equipment (i.e., flatbed and wheel lift)

Not to exceed \$100

2. Automobiles and trucks over 5,501-15,000 GVWR

Flat Rate

\$300

3. Unregistered impounds absent an MVA vehicles 5,500 GVW or less; vehicles, that were not involved in an accident, towed for Parking Violations including but not limited to blocking a driveway, snow, parking in a handicap parking spot, parking in a no parking zone, or in front of a fire hydrant. (flat rate charge when picked up within the first 48 hours; no weekend storage charge or other fee to be applied)

\$150

4 Trucks, buses, tractor-trailers and other heavy equipment over 33,000 pounds

Minimum Fee

\$500

Additional hookup charges may be added (air lines, caging brakes, axles, R&I drive shaft)

\$150/hour

**b.**

Additional.

1. Mileage for vehicles towed from outside of the Township perimeters only

\$6/mile

2. Unlock transmission use of go jacks or wheel dollies

\$50

3. Speedy dry, per bag

\$25

4. Waiting time (per man each 1/2 hour, maximum two men)

\$50/half hour

5. Cleanup for debris, glass, vehicle parts (Cleanup is mandatory; Ref: N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.8.)

\$35 not to exceed \$100

6. Administrative fee as per subsection 4-6.6d

\$50

7. Township processing fee as per subsection 4-6.6e

\$0

8. Wrap or tarp covering of vehicle to safeguard vehicle from the elements when requested by the Police Department, vehicle owner or authorized party	\$25 per window (not to exceed \$100)
9. Removal and yard fee within the towing operator's business to street (use of mechanical device to two vehicle to front of business for pickup)	\$75
10. Recovery/winchng (in addition to towing per truck including driver)	
GVW up to 7,500 pounds	\$200/half hour
7,501 to 14,000 pounds	\$300/half hour
14,001 and over	\$500/half hour
11. Specialized recovery equipment - only when required for recovery/rotator/crane recovery unit	\$1,000/hour
Forklift/bobcat	\$400/hour

**c.**

Storage—Outside:

1. Automobiles, cycles, trucks under 8,600 pounds

First calendar day	No charge
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Daily rates commence on the next calendar day after the tow and each calendar day thereafter.	\$45/day
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2. Trucks, buses, tractor-trailers, etc. over 8,601 pounds	\$125/day
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**d.** Storage—Inside.

1. Automobiles, cycles, trucks under 5,500 pounds (when required by Police Department for investigation purposes only)	\$65/day
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Payment for impounded vehicles may be in cash or credit card. Towing operators shall accept cash and credit card payment for all other services rendered.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance not directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**Introduced: March 12, 2026**

**Adoption: April 16, 2026**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lauren Kirkman, Township Clerk of the Township of Lakewood, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of the ordinance which was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood at a meeting held on **April 16, 2026.**



Lauren Kirkman, RMC CMR

Township Clerk