

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2024-09

Title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 600, TOWING AND STORAGE AREA REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION 6(A)(1), TOWING AND STORAGE FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 600 of the Code of the Township of Lower establishes regulations associated with provision of towing and storage services to the Township of Lower, the Lower Township Police Department, and the general public, including the establishment of set towing and storage rates associated with the towing and storage vehicles within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Township Police Department has received a request from a local towing contract requesting that the fees associated with towing vehicles throughout the Township be increased to address increased costs associated with fuel, insurance, and employee expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Township Police Department has reviewed the fees set forth within Chapter 600, and has advised the Township Council of the Township of Lower that the New Jersey State Police standard towing and storage fees exceed that which is charged by the Township, and further recommended that the Township consider increasing towing fees in order to address rising costs incurred by towing contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Lower finds that it is appropriate to increase towing fees assessed in connection with vehicles towed within the Township in order to offset rising costs incurred by the towing contractors in providing these services to the Township, the Lower Township Police Department, and the general public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 600, Towing and Storage Area Requirements, Subsection 6(A)(1), Towing and Storage Fee Schedule, is hereby repealed and replaced with:

**600-6(A)(1) Towing and storage fee schedule.**

A. The following fees are established as the maximum rates which can be charged for towing and storage of motor vehicles.

1) The following is the fee schedule for basic towing services:

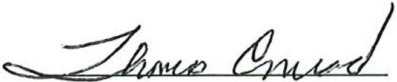
(a) Towing services provided during the day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: flat fee of \$180.

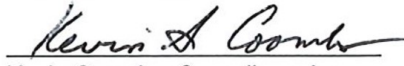
(b) Towing services provided at night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., weekends or on New Jersey State holidays: flat fee of \$180.

**Section 2.** All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

**Section 3.** Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage and publication according to law.

  
Thomas Conrad, Councilmember

  
Kevin Coombs, Councilmember

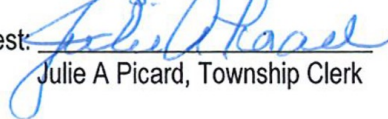
  
Roland Roy, Jr., Councilmember

  
David Perry, Deputy Mayor

  
Frank Sippel, Mayor

First Reading: July 15, 2024

Adopted: August 5, 2024

Attest:   
Julie A Picard, Township Clerk