



City of Rochester

City Clerk's Office

Certified Ordinance

Rochester, N.Y., _____
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I hereby certify that the following is a true copy of an ordinance which was duly passed by the Council of the City of Rochester on **June 16, 2026** and **Approved** by the Mayor of the City of Rochester, and was deemed duly adopted on **June 17, 2026** in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

Ordinance No. 2026-190

Amending the Municipal Code with respect to towing storage fees

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester, as follows:

Section 1. Section 108A-7 of the Municipal Code, Towing from private property without the vehicle owner's permission, as amended is hereby further amended so that the first sentence of subsection B shall read as follows:

- (c) In no event shall a towing company charge a fee in excess of ~~\$150~~ 160 for towing, without permission of the vehicle owner, of passenger vehicles, including cars, pickup trucks and passenger vans, or motorcycles or minibikes, from privately owned property in the City.

Section 2. Section 111-72 of the Municipal Code, Illegal parking and towing of vehicles, as amended is hereby further amended and so that subsections B and G shall read as follows:

B. Any vehicle found standing or parked in violation of any law or ordinance may be removed by or at the direction of a member of the Rochester Police Department to a vehicle pound designated by the Chief of Police. Members of the Rochester Police Department may also direct the removal to a vehicle pound of recovered stolen vehicles, vehicles involved in an accident, vehicles towed as a result of being used in connection with the commission of a violation of the Municipal Code for which towing is authorized, vehicles held for evidence or vehicles towed for safekeeping incident to an arrest or in other situations where the driver of said vehicle is no longer capable of safely operating said vehicle. Such removal shall be in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated

by the Chief of Police. Any such removal shall be deemed an abatement of a nuisance and at the risk and expense of the owner or person entitled to the vehicle or the person who operated or parked the vehicle. The Chief of Police may store such vehicles in designated vehicle pounds or other suitable places at the risk and expense of the owner or the person entitled to possession thereof or the person who operated or parked the vehicle. The owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle so removed and stored may redeem the vehicle by the payment to the Chief of Police of the sum of ~~\$150~~ 160 for the redemption of passenger vehicles, including pickup trucks and passenger vans, mopeds and motorcycles; ~~\$260~~ 280 for the redemption of all trucks, excluding passenger vehicle pickup trucks, single and tandem axles, with a gross vehicle weight up to 26,000 pounds; and ~~\$460~~ 480 for heavy trucks/truck tractor-trailer units, with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds; and for any additional services for which the City is obligated to pay the tower, at the actual fee charged to the City for such services by the tower. Notwithstanding the redemption fees established in this subsection, the owner or person entitled to possession of a vehicle towed for evidence shall not be charged a fee. The owner or person entitled to possession of said vehicle shall also be required to pay to the Chief of Police the sum of \$2 for any title search performed relating to said vehicle and the sum of ~~\$10~~ 12 for each notification by certified mail sent for said vehicle. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit a police officer or other person authorized to issue a parking violation ticket from affixing to a vehicle to be removed a parking violation ticket. The City shall be deemed a creditor of such owner or person entitled to possession and shall have a lien against the vehicle for the amount of expense so incurred. The City may maintain an action against the owner, or owners, the person who operated or parked the vehicle or any of them to recover the amount of the lien in a civil action. When a vehicle is towed by a towing company through a City contract to the towing company's lot, the fees established in this section which would be payable to the City upon redemption, including storage fees, shall be payable to the towing company, instead of the City. In such case, the towing company shall be deemed a creditor of such owner or person entitled to possession and shall have a lien against the vehicle for the amount of expense so incurred. The towing company may maintain an action against the owner or owners, the person who operated or parked the vehicle or any of them to recover the amount of the lien in a civil action.

G. The charge for storage of vehicles in vehicle pounds designated by the Chief of Police shall be ~~\$45~~ 50 for each twenty-four-hour period or fraction thereof, beginning after the first twenty-four-hour period. Said charges shall be paid by the owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle as a portion of the expenses incurred in effecting the removal of the vehicle.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Strikeout indicates deleted text; new text is underlined.

Passed by the following vote:

Ayes - President Meléndez, Councilmembers Gruber, Harris, Leslie-Smith, Lupien,

Martin, Monroe, Patterson, Smith - 9.

Nays - None - 0.

Attest



Deputy City Clerk