

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, "TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, SECTION 7-38.6 "RATES FOR TOWING SERVICES"

WHEREAS, The Sparta Township Police Department recommended changes to the Township's Towing Ordinance in order to clarify the fees that are charged for towing, in order to make the fees consistent with the current fees determined by the New Jersey State Police, as reflected on the Garden State Towing Association's website.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Sparta Township Council that §7-38.6 of the Township's Towing Services Ordinance is amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

Existing §7-38.6 is repealed and replaced as follows:

§7-38.6 Rates for Towing Services.

Rates for Towing Services. The rates charged by towing contractors within Sparta Township shall not exceed the current maximum rates established by the New Jersey State Police for Non-Toll Roads, as reflected on the Garden State Towing Association's website, <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/www.gsta.org>, and the rates are subject to the following requirements:

1. The rates applicable to towing services performed under the guidelines of the State of New Jersey shall be posted in a conspicuous place, visible to the public, at the towing contractor's facilities.
2. Towing contractors engaged in towing for the Sparta Police Department shall not charge a fee in excess of the maximum rates determined by the New Jersey State Police. The Sparta Township Police Department has determined that the average rate per category is reasonable and is acceptable. Please regularly review these rates on <https://gsta.org/state-police-rates/>, as changes may be made.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect after its final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta on November 22, 2022 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held on December 13, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey 07871.

Kathleen Chambers, RMC, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on November 22, 2022. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

**KATHLEEN CHAMBERS, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**