

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD  
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk  
Borough of Westwood

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2

**An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 358-13 Towing and Storage Fee Schedule**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood that Chapter 358 Section 13 entitled Towing and Storage Fee Schedule, is hereby amended as follows (deleted sections are noted by strikethroughs, new sections underlined and bold):

**Section 1. Amend § 358-13 Towing and storage fee schedule.**

No towing operator or firm licensed under this chapter may charge rates in excess of the following for towing, conveying, road service, administrative charges or storage of a motor vehicle when dispatched by the Westwood Police Department.

A. Service charges shall be as follows:

- (1) Jump starts: flat rate of ~~\$55~~ **\$65**.
- (2) Road service at any other time: ~~\$65~~ **\$75**, flat rate.
- (3) The service charge assessed for the release of a towed vehicle during other than the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.: ~~\$25~~ **\$30**.

B. Towing charges shall be as follows:

- (1) Light-duty tow or flatbed tow: ~~\$125~~ **\$145** any time of day or night, plus \$5 **\$6** per mile after the first five miles.
- (2) Medium-duty tow: ~~\$175~~ **\$200** any time of the day or night, plus \$6 **\$7** per mile after the first five miles.
- (3) Heavy-duty tow: ~~\$400~~ **\$460**, inclusive of the first hour of rigging, decoupling, hookup or preparation for towing, and ~~\$10~~ **\$11.50** per mile after the first five miles. Any additional heavy-duty tow truck which may be needed shall be charged at the rate of ~~\$250~~ **\$300**, inclusive of the first hour of rigging, decoupling, hookup or preparation for towing, and ~~\$10~~ **\$11.50** per mile after the first five miles. An additional charge of ~~\$200~~ **\$230** per hour may be charged for specialty work related to heavy-duty towing for work that goes beyond the first hour.
- (4) Labor rates for assistance, if needed, shall be charged at the following rates:
  - (a) Additional (beyond the initial operator/driver) certified recovery specialist: ~~\$200~~ **\$230** per hour.
  - (b) Certified towing operator: ~~\$125~~ **\$145** per hour.

(c) Laborer: \$100 \$115 per hour.

C. Miscellaneous.

(1) Dolly service charges: \$40 \$45.

(2) Winching service charge per tow: \$60 \$70. No person shall pay this fee on a standard tow. Winching, payable under this section, would include an act of pulling a vehicle from a ditch onto the roadway for towing.

D. Storage.

(1) Any vehicle that is towed under this chapter shall include storage at the tower's facility for up to eight hours. The first-day storage rate shall commence after eight complete hours of storage.

(2) The service charge for storage of passenger vehicles/SUVs shall be charged on a daily rate after 24 hours as follows:

(a) Inside building storage facility with a capacity: ~~\$45~~ \$50 per day.

(b) Outside secured storage facility with a capacity of 10 or more spaces: ~~\$35~~ \$40 per day.

(c) Outside storage for commercial vehicles or trucks over one ton: ~~\$75~~ \$85 per day.

(d) Outside storage for commercial vehicles over 25,999 GVW, buses, tractor-trailers, etc.: ~~\$95~~ \$110 per day.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, no towing operator licensed by the Borough of Westwood shall charge or receive fees for towing, services or storage at rates higher than those customarily permitted by the Department of the Attorney General, Consumer Affairs and as listed in this chapter.

**F. No tower shall charge for services that are not provided for in this code.**

**G. Towers shall post a copy of the Westwood towing fees in a prominent place at their yard.**

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted: 2/20/24

Approved:

Attest:

Karen Hughes  
Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk

Raymond Arroyo  
Raymond Arroyo, Mayor