

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 490, ENTITLED TOWING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following sections of Chapter 490, entitled Towing, are hereby amended as follows:

1. Replace §490-4 B.(2) in its entirety with the following:

(2) Applicants and tower employees of applicants shall be subject to a driver's license check as part of the application inquiry.

2. Establish a new provision "H" under §490-5 as follows:

H. The expiration date of any license issued pursuant to this Chapter may be extended by resolution of the Mayor and Council for a period of time as established by said resolution, but which shall not exceed six months from the date of expiration.

3. Replace §490-7 Towing rates; fee cards in its entirety with the following:

§490-7 Towing Fees established and authorized

A. Towing fees are hereby established and authorized to be charged which shall not exceed the most recently published maximum towing rates established by the New Jersey State Police. Fees are subject to change based on changes to the rates established and published by the New Jersey State Police.

B. Said fees shall be known as "Schedule T" of this Chapter, which shall be maintained on file by the Borough Clerk and available for distribution free of charge to anyone requesting it. Schedule T, and any changes thereto based upon updates published by the New Jersey State Police, shall be adopted by resolution of the Mayor and Council and shall remain in full force and effect until amended by resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council.

C. Towers shall prepare and issue invoices to owners or operators of any towed vehicle that are itemized to detail all of the charges which have been assessed pursuant to the services and fees listed on Schedule T, which shall be available upon request to any owner or operator of a towed vehicle.

4. Establish new §490-8 entitled Fee Schedule T as follows:

§ 490-8 Fee Schedule T

A. Road Service:

- (1) Cars --- \$150.00 Per Hour Plus Parts
- (2) Trucks --- \$200.00 Per Hour Plus Parts

B. Towing:

- (1) Light Duty (Up to 10,000 lbs.) --- Hook Up \$155.00
- (2) Medium Duty (10,001 to 16,000 lbs) --- \$300.00 Per Hour
- (3) Heavy Duty (16,001 and Above) --- \$500.00 Per Hour
- (4) Decoupling Fee (If Tow Is Not Performed) --- ½ of Basic Rate

C. On-Hook Mileage:

- (1) Light Duty --- \$7.00 / Per Loaded Mile
- (2) Medium Duty --- N/A
- (3) Heavy Duty --- N/A

D. Recovery / Winching (In Addition to Towing – Per Truck Including Driver):

- (1) Light / Medium Duty (10,001 to 16,000 lbs) --- \$350.00 per hour, charged in ½ hour increments of \$175.00 per ½ hour
- (2) Heavy Duty (16,001 and Above) --- \$650.00 Per Hour

E. Specialized Recovery Equipment:

- (1) Rotator / Crane Recovery Unit --- \$1200.00 Per Hour
- (2) Tractor with Landoll Trailer or Detach Trailer --- \$500.00 Per Hour
- (3) Tractor / Transport Hauler ONLY --- \$350.00 Per Hour
- (4) Refrigerated Trailer W/ Tractor --- \$550.00 Per Hour
- (5) Box Trailer W/ Tractor --- \$500.00 Per Hour
- (6) Air Cushion Unit --- \$1000.00 Per Hour
- (7) Light Tower --- \$250.00 Per Hour
- (8) Pallet Jack --- \$200.00 Flat Rate
- (9) Any Other Specialized Equipment --- \$300.00 Per Hour
- (10) Loader / Backhoe / Telescopic Handler / Bulldozer / Bobcat--- \$400.00 Per Hour
EACH
- (11) Forklift --- \$400.00 Per Hour
- (12) Dump Truck / Dump Trailer W/ Tractor ---\$400.00 Per Hour
- (13) Roll -Off with Container --- \$400.00 Per Hour Plus Disposal
- (14) Recovery Supervisor Vehicle --- \$150.00 per hour

- (15) Scene Safety Equipment, Communication Equipment, Traffic Management Equipment Etc. --- \$250.00 Per Hour EACH Type Used
- (16) Recovery Support Vehicle / Trailer Additional Recovery Equipment ---\$350.00 Per Hour

F. Labor (All Labor Minimum of 1 Hour):

- (1) Accident Minor Clean up and Disposal of Debris --- \$75.00 Per Hour One Hour Minimum Plus Absorbent Materials Used
- (2) Tire Skates --- \$40.00
- (3) Recovery Supervisor and/or Level III Recovery Specialist ---\$250.00 Per Hour
*Charges Limited to One (1) Per Incident
- (4) Certified Towing Operator--- \$150.00 Per Hour Per Man
- (5) Manual Laborers --- \$125.00 Per Hour Per Man

G. Storage – Per Calendar Day (Inside Rates Two Times Outside Rate):

- (1) Cars / Light Trucks – 10' X 20' Space --- \$50.00 Per Day
- (2) Trucks (Dual Wheels) / Single Axle --- \$125.00 Per Day
- (3) Tractor / Dump Truck / Tractor and Trailer Combo / Trailer --- \$125.00 Per Unit Per Day
- (4) Buses --- \$150.00 Per Day
- (5) Roll-Off --- \$125.00 Per Day
- (6) Cargo / Accident Debris / Load Storage / Vehicle Components (10' X 20' Space) --- \$50.00 Per Space Used
- (7) Rental of Any Tow Company Supplied Trailer Post Incident --- \$500.00 Per Day

H. Additional Service and Notes:

- (1) Fuel / Hazmat / Cargo Spills Clean-Up and Disposal --- Time and Material
- (2) Hazmat and Trash Recovery --- Surcharged Ten Percent (10%)
- (3) Subcontractor Mark-Up --- Twenty Percent (20%)
- (4) Administrative Charge Only After 3rd Visit to Vehicle ---CARS ONLY \$50.00
- (5) Administrative Charge --- Medium/Heavy Truck \$200.00
- (6) After Hours Release --- \$85.00
- (7) Notification Documentation Fee --- \$75.00
- (8) Tarping / Wrapping Vehicle --- \$90.00 / \$250.00 Per Truck
- (9) Fuel Surcharge --- See Chart Below

I. Fuel Surcharge Chart – Applied to Tow and Mileage Cost Only:

(1) Fuel Cost/Surcharge Percent:

- a. \$2.50 --- 0%
- b. \$3.00 --- 1%

- c. \$3.50 --- 2%
- d. \$4.00 --- 3%
- e. \$4.50 --- 4%
- f. \$5.00 --- 5 %
- g. \$5.50 --- 6%
- h. \$6.00 --- 7%
- i. \$6.50 --- 8%
- j. \$7.00 --- 9%
- k. \$7.50 --- 10 %
- l. \$8.00 --- 11 %

J. Disclaimer:

- (1) To the extent that any type of service or equipment is not listed in this Schedule, the fees to be charged for said service or equipment shall be reasonable, usual, and customary.

5. Replace provisions "A" and "D" of §490-9 in their entirety with the following:

A. Any person, company or corporation requesting this license must have had a towing business for a minimum of five years and must be of known good reputation in the field of wrecking, towing, etc.

D. Licensees and their on-call employees shall have mobile communications capabilities with their dispatching center on a twenty-four-hour basis.

6. Replace §490-11 I in its entirety with the following:

I. The storage facility must provide a minimum of eight hours per day (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, and four hours on Saturday (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.), for reclaiming of towed vehicles. An after-hours release fee shall be charged for releasing vehicles outside of normal business hours.

7. Replace §490-14 A.(1) in its entirety with the following:

(1) Two heavy-duty wreckers with under-reach capability of a minimum of 35 tons.

8. Re-number sections 8 through 19 of this Chapter (§ 490-8 through § 490-19) as sections 9 through 20, respectively (§ 490-9 through § 490-20)

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any part, sections, provisions, or the total of any of the abovementioned publications are held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the findings or judgments of which court are applicable in the State of New Jersey, that the balance and remainder of such publication shall remain in full force and effect as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wood-Ridge.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

APPROVED:



PAUL A. SARLO
Mayor

ATTEST:



GINA AFFUSO
Borough Clerk

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