

Ordinance No.:

3745

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE 3707 BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMPOUNDMENT FEE OF \$250 FOR VEHICLES WITH LESS THAN FOUR WHEELS AND \$500 FOR VEHICLES WITH FOUR OR MORE WHEELS; PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURES, CORRECTING GRAMMATICAL ERROR, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 3707 provides for a \$500 impoundment fee for motor vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, said fee is inequitable when applied to two and three wheeled vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, FLORIDA:

Article 1. Ordinance number 3707 is hereby modified by the addition of underscored language and the ~~deletion of stricken through language~~ as follows:

(c)

Impoundment fees. Any person, whether an individual or a legal entity, who owns or operates any motor vehicle located in the city, which motor vehicle is impounded by the city under this ordinance, shall be liable for the following impoundment fees prior to the release of such vehicle to such person:

(1)

impoundment fee of \$500.00 for vehicles with four or more wheels and \$250 for vehicles with less than four wheels.

(2)

Reasonable towing and storage charges pursuant to chapter 713, Florida statutes.

Article 2. All ordinances or portions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be repealed upon the effective date hereof.

Article 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and the City Commission that the provisions of this ordinance be incorporated into the Code of Ordinances; to effect such intention codifiers may change the words "ordinance" or "section" to other appropriate words.

Article 4. If any portion of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Article 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Commission and approval by the Mayor or, if vetoed, upon its reenactment by the City Commission as provided by the Charter of the City of Sweetwater.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 4, 2013.



Manuel Maroño, Mayor



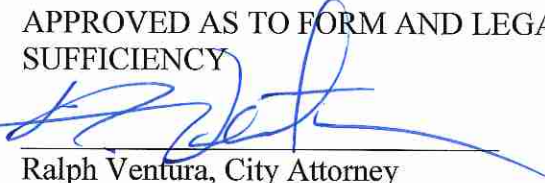
Jose M. Diaz, Commission President
JOSE BERGOUIGNAN, JR.
COMMISSION VICE PRES.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY



Marie O. Schmidt, City Clerk



Ralph Ventura, City Attorney

VOTE UPON ADOPTION:

Jose M. Diaz, Commission President
Jose Bergouignan, Jr., Commission Vice President
Prisca Barreto, Commissioner
Manuel Duasso, Commissioner
Jose M. Guerra, Commissioner
Orlando Lopez, Commissioner
Isolina Maroño, Commissioner

Absent
yes
Absent
yes
yes
yes
yes

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