

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 3, Sec. 26-410 (a)(2)(i) OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY CODE INCREASING MAXIMUM WRECKER ROTATION FEES FOR CLASS A VEHICLES NOT INVOLVED IN A COLLISION TOWED TO A CITY LOT AT THE DIRECTION OF A POLICE OFFICER.

ORDINANCE NO: O-130-2025

REQUESTED BY: FLEET

PREPARED BY: Law

APPROVED ON 1ST

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APPROVED ON 2ND

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WHEREAS, the City contracts with local wrecker services providers to tow vehicles that are in violation of City Code at the direction of the Knoxville Police Department or other municipal enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the maximum fees that these wrecker services providers may charge are set by City Code; and

WHEREAS, Council last adjusted these fees in September 2022, when nearly every category of wrecker rotation fee was raised by 50% except for class A vehicles that were not involved in a collision, which was only raised 25%; and

WHEREAS, Class A non-collision tows account for over 75% of all rotation tows that are taken to the City Impound Lot; and

WHEREAS, in response to feedback from local wrecker services providers that the maximum allowable fees are insufficient, the City of Knoxville Wrecker Services Commission conducted a survey of wrecker rotation tow rates for class A vehicles in peer

cities within Knoxville's geographical region of the country as well as other cities across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the survey showed that peer cities averaged approximately \$146 per tow and Tennessee cities averaged approximately \$162 per tow; and

WHEREAS, based on the survey data, the Wrecker Services Commission voted 5-0 to recommend that Council raise the current maximum allowable fee for class A non-collision tows from \$106 per unit to \$145 per unit; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville has determined that it is in the public interest, safety, and welfare of the City of Knoxville that Chapter 26, Article IV, Division 3, Section 26-410(a)(2)(i) of the Knoxville City Code be amended to increase the rates for vehicles not involved in a collision towed to city lot at direction of officer from \$106 per unit to \$145 per unit.

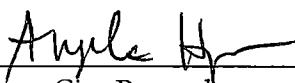
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: Chapter 26, Article IV, Division 3, Section 26-410(a)(2)(i) of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by deleting \$106 per unit and replacing with \$145 per unit.

SECTION 2: The Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.



Presiding Officer of the Council



Assistant City Recorder