

Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

File No. Ord. 22-060
Agenda No. 3.1 (1st Reading)
Agenda No. 4.1 (2nd Reading and Final Passage)



AN ORDINANCE UPDATING SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM TOWING FEES BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 319 (TOWER AND TOWING) OF THE JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City wishes to update its maximum fees to tow, transport, convey or move vehicles, and to allow for charges for certain extra services, under certain circumstances and in accordance with a specified schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY AS FOLLOWS:

The following amendments to CHAPTER 319 (Towers and Towing) are hereby adopted:


§ 319-11. Schedule of maximum prices; disclosure.

[Amended 3-14-2012 by Ord. No. 12-017; 4-25-2018 by Ord. No. 18-030 ; 6-13-2018 by Ord. No. 18-059 ; 8-15-2018 by Ord. No. 18-082]


- A. Maximum fees to tow, transport, convey or move vehicles (Class A licensee).
- (1) No licensee shall charge more than the following maximum fees to tow, transport, convey or otherwise move a vehicle from one location within the City to another location within the City:
- (a) Class I vehicle: \$150.00, inclusive of a \$40.00 administrative fee.
 - (b) Class II vehicles: \$200.00, inclusive of a \$40.00 administrative fee.
 - (c) Class III vehicles: ~~\$225.00~~\$250.00 per hour (minimum two hours), inclusive of a \$40.00 administrative fee.
- (2) In addition to the above charges, under certain circumstances official towers shall be allowed to charge for extra services that may be required above the basic towing charge. Any such services and charges shall be in accordance with the fee schedule below:

<u>Service or Charge</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<u>Decoupling</u>	<u>\$25 (up to 10,000 pounds)</u> <u>\$100 (over 10,000 pounds)</u>
<u>Jump start</u>	<u>\$25</u>
<u>Flat tire</u>	<u>\$25</u>
<u>Lock out</u>	<u>\$25</u>
<u>Road service</u>	<u>\$25</u>

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM



Business Administrator



Corporation Counsel

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<u>Gasoline/fuel service</u>	<u>\$25, in addition to gasoline/fuel cost</u>
<u>Crash or window wrap</u>	<u>\$75 flat fee</u>
<u>Site clean up</u>	<u>\$25 per bag of absorbent and \$25 per bag of debris removal</u>
<u>Winching (not applicable to the towing of parked automobiles or minor maneuvering of automobiles prior to tow)</u>	<u>\$75 per hour for light tow vehicles (up to 10,000 pounds)</u> <u>\$150 per hour for heavy tow vehicles (over 10,000 pounds)</u>
<u>Snow locked vehicles</u>	<u>\$50 per tow additional charge</u>
<u>Rotator/crane recovery unit service</u>	<u>\$1,200 per hour</u>
<u>Tarp</u>	<u>\$125</u>

~~recovery of an overturned vehicle, uprighting it or removing it from a hill, ditch or other similar precarious position will be charged no more than the rate of \$50.00, \$125.00, and \$225.00 per hour for vehicle Classes I, II and III, respectively. Any fees charged for services or equipment not specified in this Ordinance shall be in accordance with and not in excess of rates approved and utilized by the New Jersey State Police. Said fees shall conform with New Jersey State Police rates, which may be updated periodically.~~ If an issue arises as to these charges, it shall be the burden of the tower to provide documentation in the form of photographs as to the particular circumstances requiring the additional charges, i.e., position of the vehicle.

- (3) No charge shall be imposed on a rotation list tow for waiting time, clean-up, yard fee or any other service not specifically authorized under this chapter.
- (4) The above fees are chargeable once a vehicle is hooked up by the tower.

- I. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- II. The City Clerk and Corporation Counsel may change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers if codification of this ordinance reveals a conflict between those numbers and the existing code, in order to avoid confusion and possible repeals of existing provisions.
- III. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.
- IV. This ordinance shall be a part of the Jersey City Code as though codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.

NOTE: All new material to be inserted is underscored and material [struck-through] is omitted.

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION – Jun 29 2022						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	ABSENT	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES	AYE	


RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – Jul 13 2022						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	ABSENT	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY –						
RIDLEY		SALEH		DEGISE		
PRINZ-AREY		SOLOMON		RIVERA		
BOGGIANO		GILMORE		WATTERMAN, PRES.		


RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE – Jul 13 2022						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	ABSENT	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

Adopted on first reading of the Council of Jersey City, N.J. on Jun 29 2022
Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on Jul 13 2022

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted
by the Municipal Council at its meeting on Jul 13 2022



City Clerk



Joyce E. Watterman, President of Council
Approved: Jul 13 2022

Steven M. Fulop, Mayor
Date to Mayor: Jul 14 2022
Approved: Jul 14 2022

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FACT SHEET -

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any ordinance that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the ordinance.

Project Manager

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Division	Division of Commerce	

Note: Project Manager must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 1:00 p.m.)

Meeting	Regular Meeting of Municipal Council - Jun 29 2022
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Purpose

An ordinance to update maximum towing fees and allow for charges for certain specified extra services in limited situations

Cost (Identify all sources and amounts)	Contract term (include all)
0	N/A

Approved by
Jeremy Jacobsen, Attorney
John Metro, Business Administrator

Status:
Approved - Jun 03 2022
Approved - Jun 07 2022