

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023 (Amended)

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE MAXIMUM TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES FOR TOWING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the current West Lafayette Code Chapter 38, Article V, Division 1, Sec. 38-256 provides for maximum towing and storage charges a towing service may charge for towing or removing a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Article I, Section 12-1 is a table of fees which includes the maximum fees allowed; and

WHEREAS, to account for inflation and reflect current costs for towing services, the City now desires to amend the fee schedule for towing and storage charges contained in City Code Chapter 12, Article I, Section 12-1.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE that the following changes are to be made to the table of fees contained in Chapter 12, Article I, Section 12-1:

Table Rows associated with Section 38-256 (a) through and including (c) shall be amended as follows with **additions** denoted in **bold** and **deletions** denoted with ~~strikethrough~~ as follows:

<u>38-256(a)</u>	Maximum towing fee—no special equipment	\$85.00 \$128.00 (Dollying and jacks may not exceed an additional \$53.00 \$35.00)
	Maximum towing fee—w/special equipment	\$120.00 \$181.00
	Maximum towing fee—motorcycle	\$85.00 \$128.00
	Max. fee tow service charge for arrival on scene in response to request by police	\$35.00 \$53.00
	Winching	\$181.00
<u>38-256(b)</u>	Max. fee to retrieve veh. at night from tow svc.	\$45.00 \$68.00
<u>38-256(c)</u>	Daily max. fee for tow service to store vehicle	\$20.00 \$30.00 (outside storage) \$40.00 (inside storage)

Language shall be added to the end of Chapter 38 Section 38-256 (b) which reads:

Storage fees shall not be charged for any day during which the vehicle cannot be retrieved by the owner or lienholder either during the towing service's normal operating hours or outside its normal operating hours. Towing services shall conspicuously post outside their place of business their operating hours, whether they allow retrieval of a stored vehicle outside those operating hours, and the procedure by which a stored vehicle may be retrieved by an owner or lienholder outside those operating hours if that option is available. The term "daily" or "day" as used in this Section is defined as each 24-hour period beginning at the time the vehicle is impounded.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 1 DAY OF May, 2023.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Parker.

DULY ORDAINED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 5 DAY OF June, 2023, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Lee	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas			✓	


Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:


Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 6 DAY OF June, 2023.

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 7 DAY OF
June, 2023.

John R. Dennis
John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

