

Ordinance 0015-25 – Towing rates; payment

An ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Article XXIII of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: To delete and recreate Chapter 22, Article XXIII, Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, to state as follows:

Sec. 22-838. Towing rates; payment.

- (a) The licensees agree to tow vehicles as provided under this article at rates not exceeding those as indicated below. Any billings for city vehicle tows shall be made to the police department. Any billings for general public tows shall be made directly to the vehicle owner.
- (b) Licensees may, from time to time, request the public safety and licensing committee to review the towing rates set forth in the schedule agreed to by the parties, the original of which is retained by the police department and dated July 16, 2009, and make recommendations to the common council as to adjustments in the rates according to generally acceptable towing industry standards.
- (c) Any special equipment or materials must be approved by the officer in charge on the scene.
- (d) The city does not guarantee or imply any specific or minimum number of tows and/or other services for any licensee.
- (e) The schedule of maximum towing rates for towing vehicles and providing related services at the request of the city under this article is as follows:

SCHEDULE OF TOWING RATES

	Regular price	Sundays and holidays
GENERAL PUBLIC TOWS (<i>regardless of where the vehicle is taken</i>)		
<i>Class A towing</i>		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (DAYS) Wheel lift or flat bed	\$200.00	\$250.00

Standard tow, 5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS) Wheel lift or flat bed	\$250.00	\$300.00

<i>Class B towing</i>		
Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	\$250.00/hr	\$300.00/hr
<i>Additional fees: (per unit)</i>		
Motorcycles:	Add \$50.00	
Mileage for out of town trips:	\$5.00per mile	
Snow shoveling	\$50.00/hr	
Winch (Accident)	\$100.00	
Winch-out or off-road winch-out (Non-accident; no towing fee applies)	\$74.00 show-up fee plus up to \$200.00winching fee	
Standby time (Prorated)	\$50.00/half hr	
Crash wrap	\$40.00per window	
Tire or wheel change	\$30.00 per tire	
No-tow show-up and service call fee	50% of tow rate	
Specialty/low clearance truck or equipment	\$50.00	
<i>Clean up fees</i>		
Oil-Dri (or equivalent): application and cleanup	\$75.00	
Debris clean up	\$50.00/hr	
<i>Storage fees</i>		
Cars, pickups, motorcycles (outside storage), per day	\$80.00	

Cars, pickups, motorcycles (inside storage by owner request or as otherwise reasonably required) per day	\$100.00	
Larger vehicle add-on charge (25 feet or larger)	\$2.00/ft per day	
After-hours release charge of vehicle and/or property (any release is at the discretion of the towing agency)	\$75.00	
CITY VEHICLE TOWS		
Tows/storage for any city vehicles	\$160.00	\$200
Any add-ons related to towing/storage of city vehicles	80% of the general public rate	
Note: City vehicle rates apply to those vehicles that are owned by the city, where service is performed as a result of a call from a city police officer or city employee authorized to request such service on behalf of the city.		

- (f) The police department dispatcher will, if possible, inform the licensee of the make, model and year of the vehicle(s) to be towed at the time of requested service. The licensee shall charge only for equipment reasonably necessary for performance of the services rendered. The police chief shall designate a departmental representative to make final determinations on appeals of licensees from compensation granted hereunder.

Part 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Fiscal Note: N/A No towing fee is paid to the City of Racine. Rates established by this Schedule of Towing Rates are the maximum rates towing companies may charge vehicles owners for a City-requested tow.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 62.09(8)(c), the mayor shall have the veto power as to all acts of the common council, except such as to which it is expressly or by necessary implication otherwise provided. All such acts shall be submitted to the mayor by the clerk and shall be in force upon approval evidenced by the mayor's signature, or upon failing to approve or disapprove within 5 days, which fact shall be certified thereon by the clerk. If the mayor disapproves the mayor's objections shall be filed with the clerk, who shall present them to the council at its next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the council shall then make the act effective notwithstanding the objections of the mayor.