
Ordinance 0010-22 – Towing rates; payment.

An ordinance to amend Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

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~~^{all} billings ~~made for towing of vehicles as "tows for city to city lot(s)" and "for city vehicle tows owned by the city"~~ 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.

SCHEDULE OF TOWING RATES

The schedule of maximum ~~standard~~ towing rates for towing vehicles and providing related services at the request of the city under this article is as follows:

	Regular price	Sundays and holidays
GENERAL PUBLIC <u>TOWS</u> (taken to tow company yard or released to owner regardless of where the vehicle is taken)		
<i>Class A towing</i>		
Standard tow, 7:01 <u>8:00</u> a.m. to 7:00 <u>5:00</u> p.m. (DAYS) Wheel lift or flat bed	\$110.00 <u>\$140.00</u>	\$125.00 <u>\$165.00</u>
Standard tow, 7:01 <u>5:01</u> p.m. to 7:00 <u>7:59</u> a.m. (NIGHTS) Wheel lift or flat bed	125.00 <u>\$165.00</u>	135.00 <u>\$165.00</u>
<i>Class B towing</i> and/or recovery		

Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	165.00/hr <u>\$185.00/hr</u>	<u>\$225.00/hr</u>
No Tow Fee	50% of minimum rate	
<i>Additional fees: (per unit)</i>		
Motorcycles:	Add 25.00 <u>\$35.00</u>	
Mileage for out of town trips:	3.50 <u>\$4.50</u> per mile	
Administrative	25.00 <u>\$35.00</u>	
Snow shoveling	<u>\$25.00/hr</u>	
Winch (Accident)	75.00 <u>\$100.00</u>	
Winch-out or off-road winch-out (Non-accident; no towing fee applies)	<u>\$74.00</u> show-up fee plus up to 75.00 <u>\$125.00</u> winching fee	
Standby time (Prorated)	60.00 <u>\$70.00/hr</u>	65.00 <u>\$85.00/hr</u>
Crash wrap	20.00 <u>\$30.00</u> per window	
Tire or wheel change	20.00 <u>\$30.00-per tire</u>	
No-tow show-up and service call fee	50% of tow rate plus \$20.00	
<u>Specialty/low clearance truck or equipment</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>	
<i>Clean up fees</i>		
Oil-Dri (or equivalent): application and cleanup	<u>\$55.00</u>	
Oil Dri (or equivalent) and/or parts: cleanup only	30.00	
<u>Debris clean up – first hour</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<u>Debris clean up- additional hours</u>	<u>\$20.00/hr</u>	<u>\$25.00/hr</u>
<i>Storage fees</i>		
Cars, pickups, motorcycles (outside storage), per day	<u>\$40.00</u>	
Cars, pickups, motorcycles (inside storage by owner request or as otherwise reasonably required) per day	45.00 <u>\$50.00</u>	
<u>Larger vehicle add-on charge (25 feet or larger)</u>	<u>\$2.00/ft per day</u>	
Trucks, tractors, house trailers, truck trailers, buses, etc., per linear foot per day	1.25	
Truck tractor trailers, per linear foot per day	1.25	
Note: After-hours release charge of vehicle and/or property (any release is at the discretion of the towing agency)	50.00 <u>\$75.00</u>	75.00
<i>TOWS FOR CITY VEHICLE TOWS TO CITY LOT(S)</i>		

<u>Tows/storage for any city vehicles</u>	<u>80% of the general public rate</u>	
<u>Any add-ons related to towing/storage of city vehicles</u>	<u>80% of the general public rate</u>	
<i>Class A towing services (Towed to city impound)</i>		
–Standard tow, 7:01 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (DAYS)	85.00	85.00
Wheel lift or flatbed		
–Standard tow, 7:01 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (NIGHTS)	85.00	85.00
Vehicles towed to city impound		
Wheel lift or flatbed		
<i>Class B towing and/or recovery</i>		
–Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	165.00/hr	
–No tow fee	50% of minimum rate	
<u>Note: City vehicle R</u> ates 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.		
<i>VEHICLES OWNED BY THE CITY</i>		
<i>Class A towing services</i>		
–Standard tow, 7:01 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (DAYS)	45.00	45.00
–Standard tow, 7:01 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (NIGHTS)	45.00	45.00
–No tow fee (abandoned vehicles excepted)	50% of standard rate	
<i>Class B towing and/or recovery</i>		
–Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	165.00/hr	
–No tow fee	50% of minimum rate	
<u>Note: The city does not guarantee or imply any specific number of tows or other services that will be required during any license year.</u>		

- (c) 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.

(Ord. No. 02-17, pt. 1, 3-7-17)

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

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.
