

Ordinance 0010-22 – Towing rates; payment.

An ordinance to amend Section 22-838 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. All billings made for towing of vehicles as "tows for city-to-city lot(s)" and "vehicles 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 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.

SCHEDULE OF TOWING RATES

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

	Regular price	Sundays and holidays
<i>GENERAL PUBLIC (taken to tow company yard or released to owner)</i>		
<i>Class A towing</i>		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (DAYS) Wheel lift or flat bed	125.00 -150.00	165.00-175.00
Standard tow, 5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS) Wheel lift or flat bed	150.00 -165.00	150.00-185.00
Additional fees: (per unit)		
Motorcycles:	Add same-35.00	
Mileage for out of town trips:	same-4.50 per mile	
Administrative	same-40.00	
Snow shoveling	25.00/half hr	
Winch (Accident)	same-125.00	
Winch-out or off-road winch-out (Non-accident; no towing fee applies	74.00 show-up fee plus up to	

	same-150.00 - winching fee	
Standby time (Prorated)	same-75.00/hr	same-100.00/hr
Crash wrap	same-40.00 per window	
Oil-Dri (or equivalent): application and cleanup	55.00	
Oil-Dri (or equivalent) and/or parts: cleanup only	30.00	
Tire or wheel change	25.00-40.00	
No-tow show-up and service call fee	50% of tow rate plus \$20.00	
Other add-ons proposed by Hooked-Up Towing:		
Special equipment? (needs to be defined more specifically)	35.00	
Light clean-up (needs to be defined more specifically)	30.00	
Heavy clean-up (needs to be defined more specifically; also unclear whether these cleanup fees would be in addition to oil-dri and clean charges 4-5 lines above)	55.00	
<i>Class B towing (see separate category for recovery below)</i>		
Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	185.00-225.00/hr	250.00/hr
No-Tow Fee	50% of minimum rate	
<i>Storage</i>		
Cars, pickups, motorcycles (outside storage), per day	40.00	
Cars, pickups, motorcycles (inside storage by owner request or as otherwise reasonably required) per day	same-50.00	
Trucks, tractors, house trailers, truck trailers, buses, etc., per linear foot per day	same-2.00	
Truck-tractor trailers, per linear foot per day	same-2.00	
Note: After-hours release charge of vehicle and/or property (any release is at the discretion of the towing agency)	same-85.00	same-100.00
<i>TOWS FOR CITY—TO CITY LOT(S) – Non-accident towing only (see new proposed category below)</i>		
<i>Class A towing services (Towed to city impound)</i>		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (DAYS) Wheel lift or flatbed	125.00	125.00-150.00
Standard tow, 5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS) Vehicles towed to city impound Wheel lift or flatbed	125.00-150.00	125.00-150.00
<i>Class B towing and/or recovery</i>		

Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	same-210.00	
No-tow fee	50% of minimum rate	
Heavy clean-up (needs to be defined more specifically)	50.00	
Off-road winching < 25 ft	25.00	
Off-road winching > 25 ft	50.00	
Snow shoveling	25.00/hr	
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.		
Proposed new categories by Floyd's Towing:		
TOWS FOR CITY- TO CITY LOTS – Accident Towing		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (DAYS)	125.00	150.00
Standard tow, 5:01 a.m. – 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS)	150.00	150.00
Cleanup only	30.00	
Cleanup and oil clean	55.00	
Winch service	45.00	
TOWS FOR CITY- TO CITY LOTS – Retrieval of vehicles from parking structures		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (DAYS)	125.00	150.00
Standard tow, 5:01 p.m. – 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS)	150.00	150.00
Specialty/low clearance truck	50.00	
Winch/gojak/dolly	45.00	
VEHICLES TOWED FROM IMPOUND	75.00 per vehicle plus 125.00/hour	
VEHICLES OWNED BY THE CITY		
Class A towing services		
Standard tow, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (DAYS)	same-100.00	same-150.00
Standard tow, 5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m. (NIGHTS)	same-150.00	same-150.00
No-tow fee (abandoned vehicles excepted)	50% of standard rate	
Class B towing and/or recovery		
Per unit, \$100.00 minimum	same-210.00/hr	

No-tow fee	50% of minimum rate	
Note: The city does not guarantee or imply any specific number of tows or other services that will be required during any license year.		

- (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.