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TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING TITLE 5, BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5.12, MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING SERVICES, SECTION 5.12.090, RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56:13-20, the Township of Tewksbury (the "Township") is authorized to require and issue a registration or license to any towing company, and to set rates for municipal towing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 5, Business Licenses and Regulations, Chapter 5.12, Motor Vehicle Towing Services, Section 5.12.090, Rates and fee schedule, of the Township Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety, as follows:

5.12.090 – Rates and fee schedule.

A. Maximum towing fees. Towing and road service rates shall not exceed the maximum fees established and maintained by the New Jersey State Police for towing operations on state highways.

B. Basic towing services. The Township hereby adopts the rate chart established and maintained by the New Jersey State Police for towing operations on state highways.

C. Storage of vehicles. Storage time starts from when the vehicle is towed and stops once the vehicle owner, operator or authorized representative thereof picks up the vehicle. If the owner, operator or authorized representative thereof requests to pick up the vehicle but the tow operator is unavailable to release said vehicle, storage fees shall not be charged following the request. If the owner, operator or authorized representative thereof fails to appear at an agreed-upon time to pick up the vehicle, tow charges shall resume.

D. Application of fees. Fees specified in this Chapter shall apply to the regular towing of private passenger automobiles and utility vehicles, and shall not include any additional services which may be required for vehicle recovery or standby at major crash scenes. For purposes of this Chapter, the regular towing of private passenger automobiles and utility vehicles shall include the removal and transportation of an automobile or utility vehicle from a highway, street or other public or private road, or improved parking area or storage area, but shall not include the recovery of any automobile or utility vehicle from a position beyond the right-of-way of any road or from any overturned or irregular position.

SECTION 2. All actions of the Township taken prior to the date of adoption hereof contemplated by this Ordinance are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Tewksbury heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury at a duly convened meeting held on October 8, 2024 and adopted on _____.

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Jennifer Ader
Township Clerk