

Order 155-04/05

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**ORDER AMENDING TOWING SCHEDULE
AND FEES FOR NONCONSENSUAL TOWS**

ORDERED, that the schedule of maximum rates permitted to be charged vehicle owners by wreckers for specified services listed below adopted pursuant to Chapter 28, Section 125 of the Portland City Code, and by Council Order #30, dated June 7, 1989 and amended on May 16, 1994 and January 19, 2000, is hereby replaced and amended as follows:

1. Towing of vehicles or all-terrain vehicles

\$65.00 per non-accident tow.

**** The increase authorized by this subparagraph shall not go into effect until July 1, 2005 for the towing of a car during a declared snow ban.**

\$75.00 per accident tow.

\$90.00 for any vehicle with dual tires on the rear axle.

2. Once a wrecker has hooked a vehicle to the wrecker, a vehicle owner may take possession of his vehicle if the wrecker has not started to leave the scene with the vehicle and if the owner pays a \$25.00 fee in cash to the wrecker driver. Upon such payment, the wrecker shall release the vehicle. No towing fee shall be charged if the owner arrives to move his vehicle prior to the wrecker hooking up to the vehicle. In the case of a police-requested tow and to the extent possible, the wrecker shall not lose its place in rotation on the police towing list if the tow is either cancelled or if the owner retrieves his vehicle prior to tow under this subsection. "Hooked or hooked up" for purposes of this subsection means that the wrecker has attached the vehicle to the wrecker by chains or by hook, or some other similar physical connection that must be detached before the vehicle can move, regardless of whether it has been lifted or moved. "Starts to leave the scene" means that the vehicle is fully attached for towing and the wrecker has begun to move from the scene.

When a vehicle is shoveled out by a tow operator in order to hook it up during a snow ban or for a snow removal conducted by or for the City, and a City employee engaged or participating in the snow removal process determines that the shoveling was reasonable and necessary to accomplish a hook up, the fee shall be \$25 regardless of whether the vehicle is hooked up when the vehicle owner

arrives at the scene. In cases where the vehicle is shoveled out and hooked up the total fee to release the vehicle shall be \$25.

3. Storage of vehicles: \$20.00 per day or part thereof. Storage charges shall begin twenty-four hours after the vehicle is towed.
4. The charge by the City for vehicles impounded or stored on City property pursuant to Chapter 28 shall be \$25.00 for impoundment and storage for the first twenty-four hours from the date and time of impoundment, and shall be \$10.00 for each day, or part thereof, thereafter.
5. Wrecker owners may charge a \$20.00 release fee for vehicles released from storage after 7:00 p.m. and prior to 7:00 a.m. seven days a week and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays or on official City holidays.
6. The Chief of Police or his designee may authorize additional charges in unusual circumstances.
7. If a vehicle must be towed after the initial tow, wrecker owners may charge a \$25.00 fee for each additional tow of the same vehicle performed at the City's request.
8. When a vehicle and trailer or two vehicles are towed at the same time the tow fee shall be \$130.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the above provisions apply to any tow of a vehicle without the owner's consent, including but not limited to private lot tows requested by a lot owner or manager, and to police requested tows of private vehicles, including but not limited to abandoned vehicle tows, snow tows, scofflaw tows and accident scene tows.

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