

ORDINANCE NO. 1575

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO TOWING RATES; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM RATES WHICH MAY BE CHARGED BY TOWING SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this ordinance Section 22-71 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Panama City Beach, related to Council Towing Rates is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

Sec. 22-71. - Rates.

When any vehicle is towed or otherwise removed from private property within the City at the request of a private property owner or the City's Police Department to remove a wrecked or disabled vehicle from an accident scene, it shall be unlawful for any person to charge or file a lien to collect any type of fee other than fees set forth herein for which the City Council has set specific rates, or to charge or file a lien to collect for towing or storage or other services in excess of the rates provided below:

(1) *Towing Charges:*

a. **CLASS A wrecker:**

(i.) Anywhere within the City ~~between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.~~
.....**\$150.00** ~~\$87.50~~

(ii) If "dolly" required, an additional\$20.00

~~(ii.) Anywhere within the City between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.~~
.....~~\$97.50~~

~~If "dolly" required, an additional\$20.00~~

b. **CLASS B wrecker: \$250.00**

~~(i.) Anywhere within the City between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.~~
.....~~\$115.00~~

~~(ii.) Anywhere within the City between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.~~
.....~~\$125.00~~

c. **CLASS C wrecker:**~~\$350.00~~ ~~\$220.00~~

(2) *Storage Charges:*

a. **CLASS A wrecker:**

First six (6) hoursNo Charge

b. After six (6) hours, per twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof:

Outside~~\$40.00~~ ~~\$15.00~~

Inside~~\$40.00~~ ~~\$20.00~~

~~b.e.~~ **CLASS B wrecker:**

First six (6) hoursNo Charge

After six (6) hours, per twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof ~~\$20.00~~ **\$50.00**

~~c. d.~~ **CLASS C wrecker:**

First six (6) hoursNo Charge

After six (6) hours, per twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof ~~\$30.00~~ **\$60.00**

(3) *Administrative Charges:* A maximum of ~~fifty thirty~~ dollars (~~\$50.00~~) (~~\$30.00~~) may be charged to the owner of a vehicle towed and subsequently stored for more than twenty-four (24) hours, for the costs of preparing, filing or mailing of any forms or notices required by law.

(4) *Mileage Rate:* Per mile for travel and towing of a vehicle outside of the ten-mile radius from the wrecker operator's place of business:

a. **CLASS A wrecker:**~~\$5.00~~ ~~\$3.00~~

b. **CLASS B wrecker:**~~\$6.00~~ ~~\$4.00~~

c. **CLASS C wrecker:**~~\$7.00~~ ~~\$4.00~~

(5) *Hourly Rate:* For waiting or working time on scene which requires removal of submerged or overturned vehicles, or retrieval of vehicles from ditches, following the first thirty (30) minutes of working or waiting time for which there shall be no charge imposed:

a. **CLASS A wrecker:**

Per hour~~\$150.00~~ ~~\$78.00~~

Per ¼ hour ~~\$37.50~~ ~~\$19.50~~

b. **CLASS B wrecker:**

Per hour~~\$250.00~~ ~~\$80.00~~

Per ¼ hour~~\$62.50~~ ~~\$20.00~~

c. **CLASS C wrecker:**

Per hour~~\$350.00~~ ~~\$175.00~~

Per ¼ hour~~\$87.50~~ ~~\$43.75~~

(Ord. No. 364, § 1, 5-31-90; Ord. No. 395, § 1, 6-11-92; Ord. No. 935, § 1, 3-24-05; Ord. No. 1080, § 1, 7-26-07; Ord. No. 1105, § 1, 2-14-08; Ord. No. 1134, § 1, 10-9-08)

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Panama City Beach Code, and unless a contrary ordinance is adopted within ninety (90) days following such publication, the codification of this Ordinance shall become the final and official record of the matters herein ordained. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 9th day of December, 2021.



MARK SHELDON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LYNNE FASONE, CITY CLERK

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 9th day of December, 2021.



MARK SHELDON, MAYOR

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