

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 692**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER,  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, ADDING SECTION 4-7 TO CHAPTER IV, FEES  
FOR NON-CONSENSUAL VEHICLE TOWING AUTHORIZED BY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter IV, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River, provides for general licensing within Maurice River Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Predatory Towing Prevention Act, *NJSA 56:13-7 et seq.*, was enacted to protect the public from unconscionable fees related to the towing of automobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, *NJSA 56:13-16*, Unlawful Practices for Towing Company, permits towing companies to charge a reasonable fee for the towing and storage of automobiles which have been subject to non-consensual towing authorized by a law enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, *NJSA 56:13-16(i)* permits a municipality to establish and authorize a fee schedule for non-consensual towing ordered by a law enforcement officer and said municipal authorized fee schedule shall be a rebuttable presumption that said fees charged in accordance with the municipal fee schedule are not unreasonable or excessive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that a towing and storage fee schedule which establishes the maximum fees which a towing service can charge for non-consensual towing and storage of vehicles within Maurice River Township should be established in order to protect the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DOES HEREBY AMEND CHAPTER IV, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP SO AS TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:**

*(New) Section 4-7, Towing and Storage of Vehicles Which Have Been the Subject of Non-Consensual Towing Ordered by a Law Enforcement Authority.*

- a) The maximum fees that a towing company may charge for non-consensual towing and/or storage of a motor vehicle within Maurice River Township, Cumberland County, shall be as set forth herein.
- b) Non-consensual towing shall be defined as the towing of a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle and authorized by a law enforcement authority of the State of New Jersey or any Political Subdivision of the State of New Jersey.
- c) The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent unlawful and unconscionable practices of towing companies as set froth in the New Jersey Predatory Towing Prevention Act, *NJSA 56:13-7 et seq.*

d) The maximum fees for towing or storage of vehicles which have been the subject of non-consensual towing are hereby established as follows:

SERVICE CALL	FEE
Light Duty Tow (Vehicle not to Exceed 10,000 pounds)	\$150.00 plus \$6.00 per mile
Medium Duty Tow (Vehicles weighing between 10,001 and 16,000 pounds)	\$250.00 per hour
Heavy Duty Tow (Vehicles in excess of 16,001 pounds)	\$500.00 per hour
Storage of Automobiles and Light Duty Trucks as defined above	\$45.00 per day for outside storage and \$90.00 per day for indoor storage
Storage of Trucks-Dual Wheel/ Single Axle	\$90.00 per day
Storage of Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Tractor/Dump Truck/ Tractor and Trailer Combinations/ Trailers)	\$125.00 per day
Light and Medium Duty Winch (As defined above)	\$350.00 per hour
Heavy Duty Winch (As defined above)	\$600.00 per hour
Recovery Supervisor	\$225.00 per hour
Recovery Technician	\$125.00 per hour
Manual Laborers	\$100.00 per hour
Vehicle/ Accident Clean-up	\$75.00 per hour – Minimum of one hour
Oil/ Liquid Clean-up – Oil Dry	\$25.00 per bag
Crash Wrap per Vehicle	\$90.00
Release Vehicle from storage after normal business hours	\$75.00

**VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:** Any person or corporation or entity violating, or refusing or neglecting to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction be liable for the penalties as stated in Chapter I, Section 1-5, of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Maurice River.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey, this Ordinance shall take affect immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

Introduced: 2/20/2020