

Explanation: This ordinance updates the Township Code’s schedule of maximum rates for towing and related services.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 24**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I – AMENDMENT.

Chapter 4 (“General Licensing”) is amended and supplemented at Section 4-27 (Towing) to replace the existing Subsection 4-27.9 (Rates) with the following:

§ 4-27.9 Rates.

a. **Maximum rates charged for all services to automobiles that are damaged in accidents, disabled, abandoned, or recovered after being stolen, shall not exceed the rates set forth in this Subsection 4-27.9.**

b. **Road Service**

- 1. **Cars (light):** **\$125 per hour, plus parts**
- 2. **Trucks (medium/heavy):** **\$175 per hour, plus parts**

c. **Towing – Basic**

- 1. **Light Duty (up to 10,000 lbs):** **Hook-up \$150**
- 2. **Medium Duty (10,001 to 16,000 lbs):** **\$250 per hour**
- 3. **Heavy Duty (16,001 lbs and above):** **\$500 per hour**
- 4. **Decoupling Fee (if tow is not performed):** **Half of basic rate**

d. **On-Hook Mileage**

- 1. **Light Duty:** **\$6 per loaded mile**
- 2. **Medium Duty:** **N/A**
- 3. **Heavy Duty:** **N/A**

e. **Recovery/Winching (in addition to towing - per truck, including driver)**

- 1. **Light/Medium Duty:** **\$350 per hour (charged in increments of \$175)**

per

half hour)

2. Heavy Duty: \$600 per hour

f. Specialized Recovery Equipment

1. Rotator/crane recovery unit: \$1,200 per hour
2. Tractor with landoll trailer or detach trailer: \$450 per hour
3. Tractor/transport hauler only: \$250 per hour
4. Refrigerated trailer with tractor: \$450 per hour
5. Box trailer with tractor: \$400 per hour
6. Air cushion unit: \$1,000 per hour
7. Light tower: \$250 per hour
8. Pallet jack: \$200 flat rate
9. Rollers: \$200 flat rate
10. Any other specialized equipment: \$250 per hour
11. Loader/backhoe/telescopic handler/
bulldozer/bobcat: \$300 each per hour
12. Forklift: \$300 per hour
13. Dump truck/dump trailer with tractor: \$350 per hour
14. Roll-off with container:
disposal \$350 per hour plus
15. Scene safety equipment, communication
equipment, traffic management
equipment, etc: \$250 per hour for each
type used
16. Recovery support vehicle/trailer
additional recovery equipment: \$350 per hour

g. Labor (minimum of one hour)

1. Accident clean-up and debris:
minimum), \$75 per hour (one hour

plus absorbent materials used

2. Recovery Supervisor and/or Level III Recovery Specialist: \$225 per hour (charges limited to one per incident)
 3. Certified towing operator: \$125 per hour per person
 4. Manual laborers: \$100 per hour per person
- h. Storage – billed per calendar day (inside rates two times outside rate)
1. Cars/light trucks (10 foot by 20 foot space): \$45 per day
 2. Trucks (dual wheels)/single axle: \$90 per day
 3. Tractor/dump truck/tractor and trailer combo/trailers: \$125 per unit per day
 4. Buses: \$150 per day
 5. Roll-off: \$125 per day for each
 6. Cargo/accident debris/load storage/vehicle components (10 foot by 20 foot space): \$45 per space used per day
 7. Rental of any tow company supplied trailer post incident: \$500 per day
- i. Additional Services/Notes
1. Fuel/haz-mat/cargo spills clean-up and disposal: Time and materials
 2. Haz-mat and trash recovery: 10% surcharge
 3. Subcontractor markup: 10%
 4. Administrative charge (only after third visit to vehicle): \$50 (cars only)
 5. Administrative charge (medium/heavy truck): \$200
 6. After-hours release: \$75
 7. Notification documentation fee: \$50
 8. Tarping/wrapping vehicle: \$90 per car; \$250 per truck

j. Miscellaneous Provisions

1. After the first half hour, all hourly billable rates will be charged in half-hour increments.
2. Charges for all trucks/recovery equipment are inclusive of the operator. You may not separately charge for an operator that drives/operates the truck/recovery equipment.
3. No authorized towing operator shall charge an additional fee when a towed vehicle is being picked up by an owner or other towing operator for services such as moving other vehicles to get at the towed vehicle, towing from the authorized towing operator's property to the street, and the like.
4. The rates charged for services to all other vehicles shall be billed at reasonable prevailing rates within the Union County area, and each authorized towing operator shall submit such proposed fees to the Chief of Police by no later than January 10 of each year, or upon any change in such rates, whereupon the Chief of Police shall determine if such rates are reasonable. The authorized towing operator shall have the right to appeal any adverse determination as to the reasonableness of such fees to the Township Committee, who may rule on such issue with or without hearing.
5. No authorized towing operator shall charge any fee set forth in Subsection 4-27.9(e), above, unless such service is necessitated by the circumstances surrounding the tow, is actually provided, and is beyond the normal services provided. No additional fee may be charged for pulling a vehicle onto a flatbed truck. A "winching fee" may only be charged to pull a vehicle back onto the roadway so as to place the vehicle in proper position to tow the vehicle.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III – SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV – REPEAL

This Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code or any other Ordinance other than those designated herein, and all ordinances or portions of ordinances which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

SECTION V – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Christopher Capodice

By: _____
Christopher Capodice, Mayor

Passed & Approved:

October 13, 2020

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy.

Linda M. Donnelly

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk