

**AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE J OF THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF 2019, TO ASSESS SERVICE CHARGES AND FEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Aldermen duly adopted the 2019 Revenue Ordinance on December 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, changes to the City of Savannah's operations and operating environment may, from time to time, necessitate changes to the Ordinance following its annual enactment; and

WHEREAS, this amendment is intended to:

- Update Private Trespass Non-Consensual Towing Charges as included as Article J, Section 8
- Increase the Administrative Charge as permitted by the Towing and Storage Charges set by the Head-Out Contract for Class III Vehicles, as included in Article J, Section 9

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled, and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Article J: Parking Fees, Section 8: Private Trespass Non-Consensual Towing Charges be amended by deleting Section 8 in its entirety and replacing with a new Section 8, as included below:

Section 8. PRIVATE TRESPASS NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING CHARGES.

Private Trespass Non-Consensual Towing Charges. Pursuant to the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Intrastate Rates and Charges, Non-Consensual Towing and the Savannah Code, Section 6- 1406, paragraph (d), Charges for Removal of Vehicles from Private Property. The Grantee hereby agrees to hold the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah harmless and free from any responsibility for said charges.

The maximum charge for removal or relocation of any vehicle or trespassing personal property from private property shall be as shown in the following schedule:

**Class I
Regular Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs up to 10,000 lbs.**

Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less

Not to exceed \$175

Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle is removed from the property

No charge

Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed and the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle No charge

Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,000 pounds or less Not to exceed \$25

**Class II
Heavy Duty Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs 10,001 – 20,000 lbs.**

Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Of 10,001 pounds to 20,000 pounds Not to exceed \$300

Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle Is removed from the property No charge

Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed And the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle No charge

Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,001 pounds to 20,000 pounds Not to exceed \$30

**Class III
Extra Heavy Duty Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs 20,001 lbs. and up**

Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Of 20,001 pounds or greater – per unit charge Not to exceed \$450

Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Of 20,001 pounds or greater – combination unit Not to exceed \$850

Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle Is removed from the property No charge

Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed And the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle No charge

Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 20,001 pounds or greater Not to exceed \$40

Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 20,001 pounds or greater – combination unit Not to exceed \$75

Operator Fee

If vehicle has been hooked with hoisting apparatus or loaded by the wrecker service and the vehicle has not yet left the premises and the owner or operator produces ignition key and removes vehicle immediately.

Operator Fee for vehicles with a GVWR of 19,999 or less Not to exceed \$100

Operator Fee for vehicles with a GVWR of 20,000 or more Not to exceed \$150

Notification Fee

Notification fee may be charged within the first 24 hours where law enforcement is notified in writing, by facsimile, or other electronic means, in a manner acceptable to local law enforcement Not to exceed \$20

Notification fee may be charged after the first 72 hours

Not to exceed \$50

The notification fees provided herein SHALL NOT EXCEED a maximum total Notification Fee of \$70.00, cumulatively.

After 30 days, the process outlined in Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia related to abandoned motor vehicles shall apply.

After Hours Fee

After hours fee may be charged if the vehicle owner wishes to claim an Impounded vehicle before/after the designated hours of 7:30 am – 6:00 pm After the first 24 hours

Not to exceed \$50

Method of Payment

Payment may be made payable by cash, commonly recognized traveler's checks, money order, certified checks, cashier's checks, debit cards and major credit cards at no additional charge.

SECTION 2: That Article J: Parking Fees, Section 9: Head-out Wrecker Services be amended by deleting the section entitled (a) "Maximum Towing Charges", and replacing with a new section entitled "(a) Maximum Towing Charges:", as included below:

- (a) **Maximum Towing Charges.** The maximum charges for towing services under this contract shall be:

**Class I
Regular Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs up to 10,000 lbs.**

First hour or portion (including use of boom, flatbed, and/or dolly) (Time to begin upon arrival at scene and end after departure)	\$188
Each additional hour or portion thereof	\$75
Recovery fee (includes no key)	\$75
Administrative fee (Chargeable only after 72 hours)	\$50
Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle is removed from the property	No charge
Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed and the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle	No charge
Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,000 pounds or less	\$25
After hours fee may be charged if the vehicle owner wishes to claim an impounded vehicle before/after the designated hours of 7:30am - 6:00 pm which applies after the 24 hour	\$50
Rented equipment	Rental cost per job + 35%

**Class II
Heavy Duty Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs 10,001 – 20,000 lbs.**

First hour or portion (including use of boom, flatbed, and/or dolly) (Time to begin upon arrival at scene and end after departure)	\$300
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Each additional hour or portion thereof	\$75
Recovery fee per ½ hour	\$150
Administrative fee (chargeable only after 72 hours)	\$50
Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle is removed from the property	No charge
Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed And the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle	No charge
Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,001 pounds to 20,000 pounds	\$30
After hours fee may be charged if the vehicle owner wishes to claim an impounded vehicle before/after the designated hours of 7:30am - 6:00 pm which applies after the 24 hour	\$50
Rented equipment	Rental cost per job + 35%

**Class III
Extra Heavy Duty Wrecker Service
Towed vehicle weighs 20,001 lbs. and up**

First hour or portion (including use of boom, flatbed, and/or dolly) (Time to begin upon arrival at scene and end after departure)	\$450
First hour or portion (combination unit) (Time to begin upon arrival at scene and end after departure)	\$850
Each additional hour or portion thereof	\$75
Labor per person per hour	\$95
Recovery fee	\$30
Administrative fee (Chargeable only after 72 hours)	\$50
Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle is removed from the property	No charge
Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed And the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle	No charge
Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 20,001 pounds or greater	\$40
Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 20,001 pounds or greater – combination unit	\$75
After hours fee may be charged if the vehicle owner wishes to claim an impounded vehicle before/after the designated hours of 7:30am - 6:00 pm which applies after the 24 hour	\$50
Rented equipment	Rental cost per job + 35%

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective when signed by the Mayor.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: _____

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council