

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 090714-A)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing,” and Chapter 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing And Immobilizing of Parked or Abandoned Vehicles,” by reducing the amount towing companies can charge owners of recovered stolen or illegally used vehicles.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HERBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing,” is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-605. Towing.

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(15) Towing Stolen Vehicles. No more than \$15 shall be charged to the owner of any vehicle to cover the City's administrative costs related to towing, storage and recovery when the vehicle has been reported stolen to the Police Department or illegally used by a person other than the owner of the vehicle, without his authorization, express or implied.

(16) *No more than one hundred and five dollars (\$105) shall be charged to the owner of any vehicle to cover the costs related to towing and recovery when the vehicle has been reported stolen to the Police Department or illegally used by a person other than the owner of the vehicle, without his authorization, express or implied. This amount is inclusive of the City's \$15 administrative cost.*

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SECTION 2. Chapter 12-2400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Towing And Immobilizing Of Parked Or Abandoned Vehicles,” is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 12-2400. TOWING AND IMMOBILIZING OF PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES.

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§ 12-2406.1. Fees and Charges.

(1) Fees shall be assessed to cover the costs of immobilization and/or impoundment of any vehicle or combinations immobilized or impounded pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter or other provisions of law:

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(a) A one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollar boot fee and/or a one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollar towing and removal fee for vehicles or combinations under 11,000 pounds; and

(b) A one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollar boot fee and/or a two hundred and twenty-five (\$225.00) dollar towing and removal fee for vehicles or combinations at or over 11,000 pounds up to 17,000 pounds; and

(c) A one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollar boot fee and/or a three hundred and thirty-five (\$335.00) dollar towing and removal fee for vehicles or combinations at or over 17,000 pounds.

(2) Storage charges for the storage of any vehicle or combination impounded under the provisions of the Chapter or other provisions of law shall be calculated:

(a) At the rate of eighteen (\$18.00) dollars for each twenty-four hour period or fraction thereof, for the first five (5) days of impoundment, and eighteen (\$18.00) dollars for each twenty-four (24) hour period or fraction thereof thereafter for vehicles under 11,000 pounds; and

(b) At the rate of thirty (\$30.00) dollars for each twenty-four hour period or fraction thereof, for vehicles at or over 11,000 pounds up to 17,000 pounds; and

(c) At the rate of sixty (\$60.00) dollars for each twenty-four hour period or fraction thereof, for vehicles at or over 17,000 pounds.

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(6) No more than one hundred and five dollars (\$105) shall be charged to the owner of any vehicle to cover the costs related to towing and recovery when the vehicle has been reported stolen to the Police Department or illegally used by a person other than the owner of the vehicle, without his authorization, express or implied. This amount is inclusive of the City's \$15 administrative cost.

(7) No towing company may charge more than eighteen (\$18) dollars per day for storage of a vehicle that has been reported stolen by its owner to the Police Department, or illegally used by another person other than the owner of the vehicle, without his authorization, express or implied, up to a maximum of one hundred seventy-five (\$175.00) dollars in total storage charges.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 17, 2009. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 13, 2010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael A. Decker".

Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council