

ORDINANCE 1528

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING THE MAXIMUM RATES 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Section 22-71 of the City's Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlines**, 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.
..... \$87.50~~

~~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~~

(i) **Hook: \$125**

(ii) **Winching: \$125**

b. **CLASS B wrecker:**

~~(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~~

- (i) Hook: \$175
- (ii) Winching: \$175

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

- (i) Hook: \$300
- (ii) Winching: \$300

d. Specialty Equipment Charges:

- (i) Rotator: \$950.00 per hour port to port. One hour minimum
- (ii) MOT Truck: \$500 for the first hour and \$250.00 per additional hour on location.
- (iii) Divers: \$400.00 per hour on location, one hour minimum.

(2) *Storage Charges:*

a. **CLASS A wrecker:**

First six (6) hours No Charge

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

Outside for the first thirty (30) days of storage ~~\$45.00~~ **\$20.00**

Outside beyond thirty (30) days of storage ~~\$45.00~~ **\$15.00**

Inside for the first thirty (30) days of storage: ~~\$205.00~~

Inside beyond thirty (30) days of storage: \$30.00

c. **CLASS B wrecker:**

First six (6) hours No Charge

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

Outside for the first thirty (30) days of storage ~~\$20.00~~ **\$30.00**

Outside beyond thirty (30) days of storage **\$25.00**

Inside for the first thirty (30) days of storage: **\$35.00**

Inside beyond thirty (30) days of storage: \$30.00

d. **CLASS C wrecker:**

First six (6) hours No Charge

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

Outside for the first thirty (30) days of storage ~~\$30.00~~ **\$50.00**

Outside beyond thirty (30) days of storage **\$45.00**

Inside for the first thirty (30) days of storage:\$60.00****

Inside beyond thirty (30) days of storage: **\$55.00**

- (3) *Administrative Charges:* A maximum of thirty dollars (\$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:** ~~\$34.00~~
 - b. **CLASS B wrecker:** ~~\$45.00~~
 - c. **CLASS C wrecker:** ~~\$46.00~~
- (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 ~~\$78~~**125.00**
Per ¼ hour ~~\$19.50~~
 - b. **CLASS B wrecker:**
Per hour ~~\$80~~**175.00**
Per ¼ hour ~~\$20.00~~
 - c. **CLASS C wrecker:**
Per hour ~~\$175~~**300.00**
Per ¼ hour ~~\$43.75~~

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: _____
Mark Sheldon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jo Smith, Interim City Clerk