

ORDINANCE # 06-26

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES
FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICE**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Borough of Sayreville is hereinafter supplemented and amended as follows:

SECTION ONE. Subsection 20 entitled "Rates for Towing and Storage Service" of Part 14 entitled "Wreckers" of Chapter VIII entitled "General Licensing" of the Sayreville Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby supplemented and amended to read as follows: [New language in **bold and underlined**; deleted language in ~~double-strikethrough..~~]

CHAPTER VIII – GENERAL LICENSING

8-14 – WRECKERS

8-14.20 – RATES FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICE

a. Rates charged for towing and storage services shall not exceed the following:

(1). ~~Fifty (\$50.00)~~ **One hundred (\$100.00)** dollars for road service provided in response to a call from the Borough Police Department occurring at any time of the day or night. Whenever required in order to move a vehicle, the wrecker operator shall provide at the scene, and include within such service charge, two (2) gallons of fuel; or the changing of a flat tire; and/or the jump start of a vehicle. **The cost of fuel provided is the responsibility of the vehicle owner;**

(2). Reserved;

(3). A flat fee of ~~one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ **one hundred & fifty dollars (\$150.00)** for any light duty tow (that is, towing or flatbedding of any vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of under seven thousand (7,000) pounds) from any point in the borough to any other point in the Borough, at any time of the day or night;

(4). A flat fee, which shall not include the cost of reasonable labor charges incurred to prepare the vehicle for transport, of:

Heavy Duty inside storage two hundred twenty-five (\$225) dollars/unit/day

Heavy Duty Labor for tow prep one hundred twenty-five (\$125) dollars/30min

Heavy Duty Winching two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars/hr (one (1) hr minimum)

Heavy Duty Specialized Equipment three-hundred (\$300) dollars/hr

Equipment Restoration (Cleaning of tow truck for any spilled fluids, dirt debris) ninety-five (\$95.00) dollars for all heavy/light/medium

Yard Fee for cars that can not move under their own power and may need to be towed around the yard multiple times fifty (\$50.00) dollar one (1) time fee

(a). ~~Two hundred seventy five (\$275.00) dollars~~ **Three hundred-fifty (\$350.00) dollars** for any heavy duty tow of a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight between seven thousand (7,000) pounds and twenty six thousand (26,000) pounds from any point in the Borough to any other point in the Borough, at any time of the day or night;

(b). ~~Four hundred fifty (\$450.00) dollars~~ **Six hundred-fifty (\$650.00) dollars** for any heavy duty tow of a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight exceeding twenty six thousand (26,000) pounds from any point in the Borough to any other point in the Borough, at any time of the day or night;

(5). Commencing as of twelve (12) hours, from the time that a vehicle is removed from the scene from which it was towed or as of the next calendar day, whichever is later, a flat rate of not more than ~~thirty (\$30.00) dollars~~ **fifty (\$50.00) dollars** per day shall be charged for each vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of six thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (6,999) pounds or less, which is stored outside, and ~~thirty five (\$35.00) dollars~~ **one hundred (\$100.00) dollars** per day for inside storage of such vehicles; any vehicle weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds or more shall be subject to a flat rate daily charge of ~~seventy five (\$75.00) dollars~~ **one hundred (\$100.00) dollars** per day for outside storage and ~~ninety (\$90.00) dollars~~ **one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars per day** for inside storage; The owner or operator of the vehicle shall be entitled to visit the vehicle, either personally or through an agent, one time free of charge for the purpose of inspecting the vehicle or removing property at the Wrecker's Operator's Business Location. In the event the owner or operator of the vehicle seeks additional visits to the vehicle, the Wrecker Operator may charge a one-time administrative fee of ~~thirty five (\$35.00) dollars~~ **fifty (\$50.00) dollars**, which fee will cover any and all subsequent visits. Investigatory visits by law enforcement personnel shall not be considered visits for the purpose of this paragraph;

(6). In certain circumstances, the licensed wrecker may experience unanticipated delays when called to the scene. These unanticipated delays, referred to herein a "waiting time," may be due to a police investigation, attendance to or removal of injured or ill vehicle occupants, or other circumstances beyond the control of the licensed wrecker. The licensed wrecker may charge the vehicle owner (or operator) a waiting time charge of ~~fifty (\$50.00) dollars~~ **seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars** per hour for light duty wrecker and ~~one hundred (\$100.00) dollars~~ **one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars** per hour for heavy duty wrecker, prorated into quarter (1/4) hour segments, provided however, that in each such case, the licensed wrecker shall provide the vehicle owner (or operator) with a brief written description of the reasons for imposing a waiting time charge (for example,

“Accident investigation waiting time: fifteen (15) minutes – twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50);

(7). There shall be an extra charge for winching service whenever required. Such charge shall be determined by mutual consent of the wrecker operator and the vehicle owner (or operator), unless ordered by the police in which event prevailing rates and charges shall apply. The minimum charge for crane service for any disabled vehicle having a gross vehicle weight of less than six thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (6,999) pounds or less shall not be less than ~~twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars~~ **one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars per hour (one (1) hour minimum)**, plus a labor charge based on the prevailing labor rate charged by the operator, together with such other charges for labor and equipment as shall be mutually agreed between the vehicle owner or operator and the wrecker operator based on actual conditions encountered at the scene from which the vehicle is towed. The minimum charge for crane service for disabled vehicles having a weight of seven thousand (7,000) pounds or more shall not be less than ~~seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars~~ **two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per hour (one (1) hour minimum)**, plus a labor charge based on the prevailing labor rate charged by the operator together with such other charges for labor and equipment as shall be mutually agreed to between the vehicle owner or operator and the wrecker operator based on actual conditions encountered as the scene from which the vehicle is towed.

(b). Every licensed wrecker operator shall give the owner or operator of the vehicle being towed or serviced a written receipt itemizing the fees paid in accordance with the rates herein and as posted for the services which are required or directed to be rendered.

(c). Police Holds. Any vehicles stored on Borough Property pursuant to a police hold shall be subject to the following fees payable to the Borough of Sayreville: Commencing as of twelve (12) hours from the time that a vehicle is removed from the scene from which it was towed or as of the next calendar day, whichever is later, a flat rate of not more than ~~thirty (\$30.00) dollars~~ **fifty (\$50.00) dollars** per day shall be charged for each vehicle with a gross weight of six thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (6,999) pounds or less, which is stored outside and ~~thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars~~ **seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars** per day for inside storage of such vehicles; any vehicle weighing seven thousand (7,000) pounds or more shall be subject to a flat rate daily charge of ~~seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars~~ **one hundred (\$100.00) dollars** per day for outside storage and ~~ninety (\$90.00) dollars~~ **one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars** per day for inside storage.

SECTION TWO. Severability Clause.

If any article, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION THREE. Repealer.

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts of ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with provisions of this Ordinance shall be, and are hereby, repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR. Mayor Approval.

Within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved

SECTION FIVE. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

INTRODUCED/APPROVED ON FIRST READING

DATED: February 9, 2026

Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

(Admin. & Finance Committee)

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATED: February 23, 2026

Jessica Morelos, R.M.C.
Clerk of the Borough of Sayreville

(Admin. & Finance Committee)

APPROVAL BY THE MAYOR ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Kennedy O'Brien, Mayor
Borough of Sayreville

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Borough Attorney