

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**  
**Ordinance No. 20-05**  
**Adopted January 21, 2020**

Introduced: January 6, 2020 Public Hearing: January 21, 2020

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT VARIOUS SECTIONS OF  
CHAPTER 333 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
ENTITLED "TOWING"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Township of Clark that the following Sections of Chapter 333 of the Code of the Township of Clark entitled "Towing" are hereby amended and supplemented, as follows:

**SECTION 1:**     Definitions:

Car shall mean a passenger motor vehicle including station wagons, hearses, funeral flower and service vehicles, vehicles for which issuance of passenger car plates are authorized, taxi cabs, motorcycles, panel vans, pick-up trucks and similar vehicles having a gross weight not exceeding 6,999 pounds.

Heavy duty wrecker shall mean any wrecker used exclusively for the removal of trucks, trailers, tractors, busses, and/or other oversized vehicles (Ord. No. 92-04, §8; Ord. No. 99-05, §7).

Yard charge shall mean any motor vehicle towed and/or stored under the authority of this Ordinance may be assessed an additional \$50.00 if the vehicle remains in storage more than two (2) business days.

**SECTION 2:**     Section 333-8 entitled "Schedule of Services and Fees" is amended so as to set forth the following:

- a. Authority – N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49  
Operators Engaged in Removal of Motor Vehicles:  
Regulations by Municipalities

1.     Towing (vehicles other than commercial vehicles):

Days: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday  
(except New Jersey State holidays)

First mile or less:		\$120.00
Each additional mile:		\$ 6.00
Nights, weekends and holidays: First mile or less		\$130.00
Each additional mile		\$ 6.00
Flatbed truck, all hours First mile or less		\$130.00
Each additional mile		\$ 6.00
Fee for towing of Police Department Vehicles shall not exceed		\$ 50.00
Motorcycle, street bike, quad (plus \$5.00/mile or fraction thereof)		\$175.00
Towing charge (commercial vehicles) Class I vehicle, up to 6,999 lbs. (plus \$6.00/mile or fraction thereof)		\$130.00
Class II vehicle, from 7,000 lbs up to 14,999 lbs. (plus \$8.00/mile or fraction thereof)		\$200.00
Class III vehicle, 15,000 lbs and up Trucks		\$350.00/hr
Trucks with trailers (no mile charge)		\$450.00/hr
2. Road Service	<u>All hours</u>	
Out of fuel		\$75.00
Battery jump		\$75.00
Flat tire		\$75.00
Drop drive shaft		\$75.00
Release air brake		\$75.00
Tarping of vehicle		\$50.00
(tarping is covering vehicle from weather)		
Additional tow vehicle needed		\$ 85.00/hr
3. Separation Charge		\$ 75.00
4. Waiting time at scene (per minute)		\$ 2.00

5.	Winching service, up to 50 feet	\$ 75.00
	In excess of 50 feet (per foot)	\$ 2.50
6.	Rollover charges	\$150.00
7.	Application, collection and disposal of absorbent material "Speedy Dry" for fuel, oil and anti-freeze spills	\$ 35.00
	Speedy Dry per bag	\$ 15.00
8.	Collection, clean up and disposal of debris on or off of roadway at scene of call	\$ 35.00

Where the use of special equipment, such as dolly, tilt-bed truck, front wheel lift snatch blocks, or other special hook-up is required, the above towing charges may be increased by \$35.00

Winching and wrecking charges that are not included in any of the fee schedules above shall be based on the hourly rate determined from the current edition of the Chilton's Labor Guide and Parts Manual.

**SECTION 3:**

1.	Storage	
	Class I and II vehicles	\$ 40.00/day
	Class III vehicles	\$100.00/day

1(a) All vehicles towed by the Twp of Clark must be stored within the city limits at the designated facility, J&E Auto Body. Impound yard must be fenced in and secured. Twp of Clark will have full access to impound yard at all times.

**SECTION 4:**

Administrative Fee.  
Any motor vehicle towed and/or stored under the authority of this Ordinance may be assessed an additional \$50.00 if the vehicle remains in storage more than two (2) business days.

**SECTION 5:**

Special Circumstances.  
In a case where special circumstances arise due to the recovery of a vehicle beyond that which is required to perform a basic tow that requires additional labor, a charge of \$75.00 per half hour will be permitted.

**SECTION 6:**

Inconsistent Ordinances: Any ordinances of the Township of Clark which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 7:** Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication, according to law.

Effective Date: February 12, 2020

**ATTEST:**

  
**EDITH L. MERKEL, RMC**  
 Township Clerk

**APPROVED:**

  
**PATRICK J. O'CONNOR**  
 Council President

  
**SALVATORE BONACCORSO**  
 Mayor

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	Motion to	Second	Motion to	Second				
	Introduce		Adopt		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Albanese					✓			
Barr		✓		✓	✓			
Hund					✓			
Mazzarella	✓		✓		✓			
Smith					✓			
Toal					✓			
O'Connor					✓			
Entire Council								
<b>TOTAL</b>					7			