

**CITY OF UNION CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 397
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY
ENTITLED "TOWING"**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49, the City of Union City may, by ordinance, regulate the removal and storage of motor vehicles within the town; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 397 of the Code of the City of Union City (the "Code") entitled "Towing" sets forth the provisions governing towing, storage and release for these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners believe that it is vital that vehicles that are towed from City streets be returned as expeditiously as possible to City residents so that those residents do not experience undue hardship for longer than is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE

Chapter 397 entitled "Towing" of the Code of the City of Union City is hereby amended and revised as follows:

Section 397-12 entitled "Storage and garage facilities" of the Code of the City of Union City is hereby amended and revised to reflect the following:

D. Location; hours; condition of facilities.

1. The required storage and equipment facilities shall be located within two miles of the City limits. The hours of recovery of vehicles from storage shall be twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The facilities shall be kept clean and in good order to accommodate persons who may enter the facilities with respect to any vehicles stored therein.

Section 397-14 entitled "Rules and regulations for towing and storage" of the Code of the City of Union City is hereby amended and revised to reflect the following:

- Q. Forms of Payment. The licensee shall make the necessary provisions to ensure that an owner may pay the required fees for release of a vehicle by cash or credit card.

SECTION TWO

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION THREE

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all Ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION FOUR

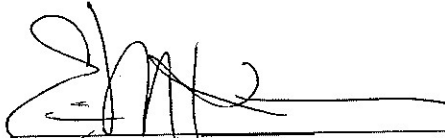
This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the City of Union City Board of Commissioners adopted on January 17, 2017.

INTRODUCED: January 3, 2017

ADOPTED: January 17, 2017

ATTEST:



Erin Knoedler, Deputy City Clerk

January 17, 2017
DATE

Summary of Ordinance

This ordinance requires towing licensees to allow for cash or credit card payment of the fees associated with the release of a vehicle and that vehicles are released to the owner twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.