

Effective May 28, 2019

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 397-23 "RATES"  
TO UPDATE THE SERVICE AND STORAGE CHARGES TO BE USED BY TOWING  
OPERATORS WITHIN THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.49, municipalities may regulate the operators of businesses engaged in removal of motor vehicles, commonly known as towing operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Union City has adopted ordinances regulating and licensing businesses engaged in towing and storage services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes to update the service and storage charges to be used by towing operators operating within the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Union City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that Section B of code 397-23 of the "Revised General Ordinances of the City of Union City" entitled "Rates" shall be amended as follows:

**SECTION B**

Section 397-23, Rates section (B) is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

**B.** No licensee may charge in excess of the following rates for services, including towing, conveying, repairing, servicing or storage of the vehicles:

<b><u>Union City Service charges, Road Services, and Storage</u></b>	
<b><u>ROAD SERVICE</u></b>	
<b><u>SERVICES</u></b>	<b><u>COSTS</u></b>
Automobile road service charge	\$25
Truck and heavy equipment road service charge	\$35
Fuel delivery	Road service charge plus current fuel costs per gallon
Changing tire including removing and replacing damaged tire with spare	Road service charge, plus, after the first 15 minutes, an hourly rate as follows: - Cars and trucks under 1-ton capacity: \$15. - Trucks over 1-ton but under 5-ton capacity: \$15. - All other heavy equipment: \$35

Repair charges	Road service charge, plus, after the first 15 minutes, an hourly rate as follows: - 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. on weekdays: \$22. - All other times: \$30.
Towing charges	- All vehicles 5 tons and under: \$125. - All vehicles over 5 tons: \$250 per hour with a two-hour minimum charge.
Service charge	A service charge, as applicable herein, shall be charged if the subject vehicle has been hooked up to tow, but has not left the scene.
Sales tax	The above charges are subject to the New Jersey state tax
Charges for snow emergency	A towing operator can charge 25% more than the rates set forth in this rates schedule if the City declares a snow emergency

**RECOVERY/ WINCHING**  
**(In Addition to Towing – per truck including driver)**

<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
Heavy duty 16,001 and above	\$600.00 per hour

**SPECIALIZED RECOVERY EQUIPMENT**

<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
Rotator / crane recovery unit	\$1200.00 per hour
Tractor with landoll trailer or detach trailer	\$450.00 per hour
Tractor / transport hauler only	\$250.00 per hour
Refrigerated trailer w/ tractor	\$450.00 per hour
Box trailer w/ tractor	\$400.00 per hour
Air cushion unit	\$1000.00 per hour
Pallet jack	\$200.00 flat rate
Rollers	\$200.00 flat rate
Loader / backhoe / telescopic handler / bulldozer / bobcat	\$300.00 per hour each
Forklift	\$300.00 per hour
Dump truck / dump trailer w/ tractor	\$350.00 per hour
Roll-off with container	\$350.00 per hour plus disposal
Recovery supervisor vehicle	\$150.00 per hour
Scene safety equipment, communication equipment, traffic management equipment, etc.	\$250.00 per hour each type used
Recovery support vehicle/ trailer additional recovery equipment	\$350.00 per hour

**STORAGE – PER CALENDAR DAY**  
**(INSIDE RATES TWO TIMES OUTSIDE RATE)**

<b><u>SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
All vehicles five tons and under	\$35 per day
Tractor/ dump truck / tractor and trailer combo / trailers	\$125.00 per unit per day
Buses	\$150.00 per day
Abandoned or disabled vehicles	The licensee shall charge only one-day storage for each twenty-four-hour period to commence from the time on the ticket tow sheet.

\*\* storage billed per calendar day \*\*

**SECTION TWO:**

**Severability.** If any term or provision of this Ordinance is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, in whole or in part, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining terms and provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION THREE:**

**Repealer.** To the extent that any provision of the Code of the City of Union City is found to conflict with this Ordinance, in whole or in part, this Ordinance shall control.

**SECTION FOUR:**

In order to avoid accidental repeal of existing provisions, the City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and/or section numbers in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing Code.

**SECTION FIVE:**

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


<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain/Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lucio P. Fernandez	x			
Wendy A. Grullon	x			
Celin J. Valdivia	x			
Maryury A. Martinetti	x			
Mayor Brian P. Stack	x			

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** this to be a true and correct Ordinance of the City of Union City Board of Commissioners, introduced on April 16, 2019 and was further considered and adopted after a Public Hearing held on April 30, 2019 at the Holy Cross Armenian Church, 2610 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, New Jersey.

INTRODUCED: April 16, 2019

ADOPTED: April 30, 2019

ATTEST:

  
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Erin Knoedler  
City Clerk

April 30, 2019  
DATE