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**Appendix IV
Maximum Fees and Charges for Towing Services and
Storage of Vehicles**

**(Ord. No. 3870, 3-22-2005; amended by Res. No. 139-05, 4-26-2005;
Ord. No. 4017, 7-25-2007; Ord. No. 4122, 4-7-2009; Ord. No. 19-2013,
4-23-2013]**

(a) A towing company that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing may charge fees for the following services to the vehicle owner:

(1) Basic tow, which shall be a flat fee as follows:

Type	Fee
Class 1 passenger vehicles	\$100
Class 2 (vehicles 9,000 to 16,000 pounds' gross vehicle weight)	\$150
Class 3 (vehicles over 16,000 pounds)	\$300

(2) In the case of a motor vehicle involved in an accident, the following additional services, if actually performed:

- a. Waiting time in excess of 15 minutes, which shall be calculated based upon each 15 minutes, spent at the site from which a motor vehicle will be towed, with fewer than 15 minutes rounded up to 15, at the rate of \$15 per each 15 minutes.
- b. Brush cleaning, including collection of debris that can be picked up by hand, which shall be a flat fee of \$25.00.
- c. Site cleanup, which shall be calculated based upon the number of bags of absorbent used at the rate of \$15.00 per bag.
- d. Winching, which shall be based upon each 1/2 hour spent performing winching at the following rates:

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Type	Fee
Class 1 passenger vehicles	\$50 per 1/2 hour
Class 2 (vehicles 9,000 to 16,000 pounds' gross vehicle weight)	\$100 per 1/2 hour
Class 3 (vehicles over 16,000 pounds)	\$200 per 1/2 hour

- e. The use of window wrap, which shall be a flat fee of \$25.00 per side window and \$40.00 per front/rear window.
 - f. Tarping, which shall be a flat fee of \$50.00.
 - g. Transmission disconnect, a flat fee, which shall be charged only if a motor vehicle is locked and the towing company is unable to obtain the keys for the motor vehicle, of \$45.00.
 - h. Use of a flatbed tow truck, a flat fee of \$25.00 (in addition to the basic tow rate), which shall be charged if a motor vehicle can be transported only by a flatbed tow truck.
 - i. Recovery - use of special equipment other than a tow truck to recover a motor vehicle that cannot be recovered by winching or pieces of a motor vehicle that cannot be moved by hand, which may be both a labor and an equipment charge billed in half-hour increments at a rate of \$300.00 per each 1/2 hour.
- (3) Decoupling, at a flat rate of \$50.00.
- (4) Snow removal, based upon each 15 minutes spent at snow removal, with fewer than 15 minutes rounded up to 15, at the rate of \$15.00 per each 15 minutes.
- (5) Storage charges:
- a. Storage at a towing company's storage facility, per day (after the first 24 hours):

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Type	Fee
Class 1 passenger vehicles	\$35 per day
Class 2 (vehicles 9,000 to 16,000 pounds' gross vehicle weight)	\$50 per day
Class 3 (vehicles over 16,000 pounds)	\$125 per day

- b. More than three trips to the motor vehicle in storage, which may be invoiced as an administrative fee, which shall be a flat fee of \$35.00 per each additional trip.
 - c. Releasing a motor vehicle from a towing company's storage facility after normal business hours or on weekends, which shall be a flat fee of \$30.
- (b) A towing company that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing shall not charge for the use of a flatbed tow truck if a motor vehicle can safely be towed in an upright position by another type of tow truck, even if the private property towing company chooses to use a flatbed tow truck for the tow.
- (c) A towing company that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing may charge for the tolls it incurs driving to the site from which a motor vehicle will be towed and while towing the motor vehicle from that site to the towing company's storage facility.
- (d) A towing company that engages in private property towing or other nonconsensual towing shall calculate storage fees based upon full twenty-four-hour periods a motor vehicle is in the storage facility (after the first 24 hours). For example, if a motor vehicle is towed to a storage facility at 7:00 p.m. on one day and the owner of the motor vehicle picks up the motor vehicle before 7:00 p.m. the next day, the towing company shall not charge the owner of the motor vehicle only storage. If a motor vehicle is stored for more than 24 hours, but less than 48 hours, the towing company may charge for one day of storage.
- (e) A towing company shall not charge any fee for private property towing or other nonconsensual towing and related storage services not included in Subsection (a) above.

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- (f) Service call, non-tow, including jump starts, gasoline run-outs (includes 2 gallons of gasoline), etc.: \$50 per call.
- (g) All tows for evidence gathering as determined by the Teaneck Police Department: no charge.
- (h) Towing of Township-owned vehicles: no charge.