



Legislation Text

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An Ordinance Amending Section 81.10 of the Village Code of Ordinances-Towing Fees

WHEREAS, the Village of Romeoville has adopted certain ordinances now codified as and for Chapter 81 of the Village Code of Ordinances setting forth and establishing certain regulations regarding the towing of motor vehicles within the Village limits, including the fees permitted to be charged by towing companies participating in the rotation tow program established by said Chapter 81; and

WHEREAS, after Village staff review, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to amend Chapter 81.10 of the Village Code of Ordinances to revise the fees permitted to be charged by towing companies participating in the rotation tow program, and specifically to revise the fee for storage of vehicles towed as light duty tows.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THAT:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 81.10 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES. All those heretofore adopted ordinances of the Village of Romeoville codified as and for Chapter 81.10(A) of the Village Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to read as hereinafter set forth:

81.10 FEES.

(A) The following schedule of maximum fees shall be in effect for all tows received off the rotation tow list:

Towing Rates (flatbed service mandatory)

Light Duty Vehicle Tow	\$165.00
Medium Duty Vehicle Tow	\$180.00
Heavy Duty Vehicle Tow	Then-current rates of provider
Medium Duty extended service tow	\$180/ hour
Heavy duty extended service tow	Then-current rates of provider
Up righting	\$50.00
Winching	\$50.00 for vehicles within 50 feet of the roadway
	\$1.00 a foot additional for vehicles beyond 50 feet from the roadway
Lockout Calls	\$65.00
Gas Delivery	\$65.00 plus gas
Jump Start (light duty only)	\$65.00
Tire Change (light duty only)	\$65.00

Standby:

Light duty tow per half hour after first half hour on scene	\$25.00
Medium duty per truck per half hour after first half hour on scene	\$25.00

Storage per vehicle - no charge for first 24 hours. After 24 hours:

Light Duty \$50.00 per day, inside or outside storage, for light duty towed vehicles involved in traffic accidents

\$40.00 per day for inside storage and \$35.00 per day for outside storage, for all other light duty towed vehicles

Light duty after hours release \$35.00 additional

Medium Duty \$55.00 per day outside

Heavy Duty \$75.00 per day inside
Then-current rates of provider

Mileage

Within Village limits or to storage facility designated on towing application	Free
Outside village limits or to any storage facility requested other than one on application, first ten miles free then:	
Light Duty Vehicles	\$3.00 per mile
Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles	\$4.00 per mile

Extra manpower for offloading, etc.
Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles \$25.00 per man hour

Tarp / crash wrap fee (May charge one of these two fees, but not both)

Tarp	\$20.00
Crash wrap	\$25.00 - \$50.00 based on amount used

Clean up Fee, with call for tow	\$25.00
Clean up over thirty minutes, with call for tow	\$50.00

Debris clean up fee, without call for tow, Outside of Public Works normal hours	\$65.00
Oil Dry Fee	\$25.00 per bag
Skate Fee	\$25.00

Motorcycle Strapping Fee \$40.00

Insurance Administrative Fee
(Billed to insurance company for time
spent with adjuster.) \$50.00

Investigative Tows No charge for up to one tow of a vehicle in the possession or custody of its owner to the Police Department for evidence gathering/processing

Village vehicle tows Light duty tows: First tow of any disabled/inoperable Village owned vehicle to Public Works from any location within 20 miles of the Village Hall is at no charge to the Village; if tow is from farther than 20 miles from Village Hall, a mileage charge of \$3.00 per mile for each mile over 20 shall apply. For the second and any subsequent tows of the disabled/inoperable Village vehicle, a fee of \$75.00 shall apply for tows to locations within 20 miles of the Village Hall; if tow is from farther than 20 miles from Village Hall, a mileage charge of \$3.00 per mile for each mile over 20 shall apply in addition to the \$75.00 fee.

Medium/Heavy duty tows: First tow of any disabled/inoperable Village owned vehicle to Public Works from any location within 20 miles of the Village Hall is at no charge to the Village. If tow is further than 20 miles from Village Hall, a fee of \$75.00 per hour shall apply for medium duty tows, and a fee of \$100.00 per hour shall apply for heavy duty tows. For the second and any subsequent tow of the disabled/inoperable Village vehicle, a fee of \$75.00 per hour shall apply for medium duty tows, and a fee of \$100.00 per hour shall apply for heavy duty tows.

In lieu of charging and accepting the fees set forth above for the towing of Village vehicles where a fee would be applicable, a tow operator may instead elect to submit its claim for services rendered to any relevant insurer under any policy of insurance to pay claims pertaining to the condition of the Village vehicles at issue.

Abandoned vehicle tows The otherwise applicable fees and charges quoted above shall apply to tows of abandoned vehicles. The Police Department's intent is to primarily call for tows of abandoned vehicles during daytime hours, but reserves the right to call for towing of abandoned vehicles on a twenty four hour a day basis.

Tows of vehicles from marked construction Zones The otherwise applicable fees and charges quoted above shall apply to tows of abandoned vehicles. The Police Department's intent is to tow vehicles illegally parked in construction zones. The street or construction zone must be posted in advance with no parking/construction zone signage in advance, and/or appropriate advance notice must otherwise be provided to affected residents

and property owners. These vehicles shall be towed to a tow operator's impound lot, and the Police Department will document these tows with a tow report. However, these vehicles shall not be subject to the administrative fee provided for in Chapter 81.251 of this Code.

Tows of vehicles from emergency response sites It is the Police Department's intent to tow vehicles as and when necessary to permit emergency repairs to public infrastructure, or to permit emergency response services to be provided by the Police Department, Fire Department or other relevant agencies. In such situations, the Police Department will authorize tow operators to relocate obstructing vehicles to a nearby location as directed and determined by the Police Department. The fee for such tows shall be \$100.00, and the Village shall be responsible for the payment of the fee.

Tows of hazardous vehicles The otherwise applicable fees and charges quoted above shall apply to tows of hazardous vehicles.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY. That the various provisions of this Ordinance are to be considered severable and if any part or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: CONFLICTS. All prior Ordinances and Resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.