

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Title:	Recommendation to Approve an Ordinance to Modify Certain Fees Related to Towing
Presenter:	Chief Lamkin

Please check appropriate box:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Services 01.28.13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Estimated Cost:		Budgeted:	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

Executive Summary:

The Police Department conducts an annual review of fees for towing and related service as required under Title 10.58.020. A review was completed at the end of December 2012. For purposes of the review, comparisons were made with Batavia, Geneva, Elburn, Kane County, South Elgin, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield.

Most of the current fees were found to be consistent with others, with these recommended changes:

1. Clean up fee should be increased to \$30.00 from \$10.00 currently;
2. After hours release should be increased to \$40.00 from \$30.00 currently;
3. Service fee should be increased to \$65.00 from \$55.00 currently;
4. Mileage fee should be increased to \$3.50 per mile from \$2.50 currently.
5. Winching or other special handling kept at \$125.00; however, changed to be measured in 30 minute increments rather than 15 minute increments

The last changes made to the current fee schedule were made in the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Attachments: *(please list)*

Revised fee structure

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to approve an Ordinance to increase fees for towing and related services.

For office use only:

Agenda Item Number: 4.f

After a review of tow fees by the Police Department, the following fees will be in place for February 2013:

1. Towing – The maximum fee which may be charged by any towing operation for removing a vehicle from the street in response to a police call shall be as follows:
 - a. For the towing of any vehicle, for the total gross weight up to 12,000 pounds: a flat rate of \$140.00.
 - b. For any service call where no tow is involved: \$65.00.
 - c. All out-of-town mileage charges shall not exceed \$3.50 per mile.
 - d. For vehicles with a weight between 12,000 and 40,000: \$150.00 per hour.
 - e. Any and all vehicles with a weight over 40,000 pounds: \$250.00 per hour.
 - f. Recovery fee: for vehicles with a combined weight of 26,000 pounds and under, the fee shall be no more than \$150.00 per hour. For vehicles over 26,000 and where goods need to be secured, a recovery fee not in excess of \$185.00 per hour.
 - g. Charges of \$30.00 per hour will be charged to cage brakes and/or removing the drive shaft, if necessary, for the removal of a disabled vehicle.
 - h. Where a lowboy trailer is required to haul away a vehicle, the rate shall not exceed more than \$250.00 per hour.
 - i. Special handling charges shall be at a rate not to exceed \$125.00 per hour and shall be measured in 30-minute increments.
Special handling charges shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 1. Vehicle rollover;
 2. Vehicle impacted in a building or other structure;
 3. Vehicle in river or other body of water;
 4. Vehicle off the roadway requiring the use of a power winch for retrieval.
 5. Motorcycle or other vehicle requiring special handling considerations.
 - j. Miscellaneous rates.
 - k. Police vehicles for the City of St. Charles will be towed at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.
 - l. Removal of abandoned vehicles from city streets to City vehicle impound lot will be towed at the rate of \$50.00 per vehicle.
 - m. Snow tow removal or snow relocation shall be charged at the rate of \$100.00 per hour.
 - n. Standby time shall be charged at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, up to a maximum of two (2) hours.
 - o. Any time a firm is required to respond out of the corporate limits of the city to recover a vehicle for the Police Department, time shall be charged at the rate of \$70.00 per hour plus mileage.
 - p. Removal of debris in the roadway combined with the use of necessary oil-dry type substance shall charge at a rate of \$30.00 per incident.
2. Storage charges for vehicles shall be as follows:
 - a. For vehicles stored less than 24 hours: no charge.
 - b. For any vehicle up to 12,000 pounds: \$35.00 per day.
 - c. For any vehicle over 12,000 pounds: \$60.00 per day.
 - d. For storage of semi-tractor truck only: \$50.00 per day.
 - e. For storage of semi-tractor truck and trailer: \$75.00 per day. After the 10th day: \$100.00 per day.
3. Release fee for release other than normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon: \$40.00.

City of St. Charles, Illinois

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-M-_____

An Ordinance amending title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 10.58 "Fees" of the St. Charles Municipal Code

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That Title 10 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 10.58 "Fees", of the St. Charles Municipal Code, be and is hereby amended as follows:

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SECTION TWO: That, after the adoption and approval hereof, this Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the City Council of the City of St. Charles, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its passage by a vote of the majority of the corporate authorities now holding office, approval and publication in the manner provided by law.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this ____ day of _____, 2013.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nancy Garrison
City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes : _____

Nays : _____

Absent : _____