

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE NON-CONSENT TOWING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 4278, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4692) TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM TOWING RATES.

BE IT ORDAINED the County Council of Greenville County, South Carolina:

Section 1. Findings. On April 21, 2009, the Greenville County Council adopted Ordinance No. 4278, regulating non-consent towing in the unincorporated areas of Greenville County, recognizing that towing companies provide a necessary service to the citizens of Greenville County, and, among other things, setting maximum rates for towing. On April 15, 2015, the County Council adopted Ordinance No. 4692, adding apartment complexes to the original definition of “commercial parking facilities” to which the ordinance applies. The maximum towing rates have remained unchanged since Council originally set them in 2009. The Council further finds that an increase in the maximum towing rates is warranted to align with increases in operating costs since 2009, including increases in fuel, labor, insurance, and equipment costs. These increases will serve the public interest by ensuring continued availability of towing services while providing reasonable protection to citizens from excessive towing charges.

Section 2. Amend Section One “Rates” of Ordinance No. 4278, as amended by Ordinance No. 4692, to increase the maximum allowable towing rates as follows:

Section 1. Rates. The following maximum rates shall be established for all non-consent towing from commercial parking facilities in the unincorporated area of Greenville County. For purposes of this ordinance, these rates only apply to the towing, removal and storage of a vehicle without the authorization of the owner or authorized driver. These rates do not apply to tows directed by law enforcement or any tow requested by the owner or authorized driver of the vehicle. Furthermore, these rates do not apply to the towing of an abandoned vehicle as defined in Section 56-5-5810 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Maximum rates for towing, removing, and storing vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 10,000 pounds removed from commercial parking facilities:

- Towing: ~~\$75.00~~ \$275.00
- Storage: \$10.00 per day

Maximum rates for towing, removing, and storing vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds but less than 15,000 pounds from commercial parking facilities:

- Towing: ~~\$100.00~~ \$300.00
- Storage: \$25.00 per day

Maximum rates for towing, removing, and storing vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 15,000 pounds but less than 30,000 pounds from commercial parking facilities:

- Towing: ~~\$200.00~~\$350.00
- Storage: \$40.00 per day

Maximum rates for towing, removing, and storing vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than 30,000 pounds from commercial parking facilities:

- Towing: ~~\$300.00~~\$400.00
- Storage: \$40.00 per day

No charges, other than documented expenses incurred by the towing company, such as mailing registered letters or wrapping vehicles, shown on an invoice, may be charged to the owner of a towed vehicle. Items including, but not limited to: gate/yard fees, administrative office fees, repositioning fees, absorbent material fees, license plate removal fees, vehicle cleaning fees, will not be allowed and must not be shown on a tow invoice or other form.

Section 3. **Repeal.** This Ordinance repeals any ordinance, resolution, or order with provisions that conflict with it only to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4. **Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Benton Blount, Chairman
Greenville County Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator