

## **BROWARD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES**

### **PART XXVIII. - CATEGORIES AND MAXIMUM FEES FOR RECOVERY, TOWING, REMOVING, STORING OR IMMOBILIZATION OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

#### **27.150. - Maximum Nonconsent Rates.**

Maximum and allowable rates for nonconsent towing and immobilization, as defined in the Broward County Code of Ordinances, shall be as follows:

- (a) *Tows from private property ("Private Property Tows"):*
  - (1) *Class A Vehicle Towed:*
    - a. Towing Fee: \$120.00.
    - b. Storage Fee: \$24.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
    - c. Administrative Fee: \$30.00.
    - d. Research Fee: Actual costs incurred in obtaining vehicle ownership information and providing notice may be charged to the person retrieving the vehicle.
  - (2) *Class B Vehicle Towed:*
    - a. Towing Fee: \$175.00. If a flatbed is used, the fee is \$195.00.
    - b. Storage Fee: \$43.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
    - c. Administrative Fee: \$30.00.
    - d. Research Fee: Actual costs incurred in obtaining vehicle ownership information and providing notice may be charged to the person retrieving the vehicle.
    - e. Labor Fee: \$175.00 per hour (starting when the person arrives at the scene of the vehicle and ending when such person leaves the scene), per person.
  - (3) *Class C Vehicle Towed:*
    - a. Towing Fee: \$300.00. If a flatbed is used, the fee is \$322.00.
    - b. Storage Fee: \$50.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
    - c. Administrative Fee: \$30.00.
    - d. Research Fee: actual costs incurred in obtaining vehicle ownership information and providing notice may be charged to the person retrieving the vehicle.
    - e. Labor Fee: \$300.00 per hour (starting when the person arrives at the scene of the vehicle and ending when such person leaves the scene), per person.
  - (4) *Class D Vehicle Towed:*
    - a. Towing Fee: \$400.00. If a flatbed or lowboy is used, the fee is \$322.00.
    - b. Storage Fee: \$50.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
    - c. Administrative Fee: \$30.00.
    - d. Research Fee: Actual costs incurred in obtaining vehicle ownership information and providing notice may be charged to the person retrieving the vehicle.
    - e. Labor Fee: \$100.00 per ¼ hour (starting when the person arrives at the scene of the vehicle and ending when such person leaves the scene), per person.
- (b) *Tows directed or performed by government agencies ("Other Tows"):*
  - (1) *Class A Vehicle Towed:*

- a. Towing Fee:
  - 1. First fifteen (15) minutes: \$130.00.
  - 2. Each additional thirty (30) minutes or fraction thereof: \$55.00.
- b. Storage Fee:
  - 1. Indoor Storage: \$30.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
  - 2. Outdoor Storage: \$24.00 per twenty-four (24) hours.
- c. Administrative Fee: \$30.00.
- d. Research Fee: Actual costs incurred in obtaining vehicle ownership information and providing notice may be charged to the person retrieving the vehicle.

(2) *Class B Vehicle Towed:*

- a. Towers may charge the same rates charged for Class B Private Property Tows, as identified in (a)(2), above.

(3) *Class C Vehicle Towed:*

- a. Towers may charge the same rates charged for Class C Private Property Tows, as identified in (a)(3), above.

(4) *Class D Vehicle Towed:*

- a. Towers may charge the same rates charged for Class D Private Property Tows, as identified in (a)(4), above.

(c) *Immobilization:* \$65.00 per vehicle.

(d) *Road Service:*

- (1) *Class A:* \$40.00.
- (2) *Class B:* \$56.00.
- (3) *Class C:* \$72.50.
- (4) *Class D:* \$72.50.

(e) *Winch Recovery:*

- (1) *Class A:* \$100.00 for the first thirty (30) minutes and \$50.00 for each additional thirty (30) minutes.
- (2) *Class B:* \$175.00 for the first thirty (30) minutes and \$87.50 for each additional thirty (30) minutes.
- (3) *Class C:* \$300.00 for the first thirty (30) minutes and \$150.00 for each additional thirty (30) minutes.
- (4) *Class D:* \$400.00 for the first thirty (30) minutes and \$200.00 for each additional thirty (30) minutes.

(f) *Miscellaneous fee provisions:*

- (1) If the towed vehicle is retrieved within the first six (6) hours of arriving at the storage facility, the person retrieving the vehicle may not be charged a Storage Fee.
- (2) An Administrative Fee may not be charged if the vehicle owner is identified within twenty-four (24) hours of the vehicle arriving at the storage facility.
- (3) The person retrieving the vehicle may pay a \$5.00 voluntary fee to expedite vehicle ownership verification.

- (4) The rates for Other Tows do not apply to tows conducted on behalf of a government agency pursuant to a contract between the government agency and a licensed tow company if such contract provides a different rate structure.
- (5) Research Fees may be charged only when the tow company providing the service must actually perform research to determine ownership of a vehicle to notify the vehicle owner, lien-holders, and insurance companies. Written documentation of the efforts undertaken to ascertain ownership of the vehicle must be made available for inspection by the County upon request. Costs shall mean actual fees charged by the State of Florida for obtaining ownership information and shall include the cost of actual postage fees, advertising fees (if more than a single vehicle is advertised in the same advertisement, then the cost of the advertisement shall be prorated per vehicle), and title search for out-of-state vehicles. Proof of all costs incurred by the tow company must be made available for inspection by the County upon request.
- (6) Effective October 1, 2015, and each October 1 through October 1, 2019, all fees referenced in this Section 27-150, except the credit card fee, shall be increased by the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") or three percent (3%), whichever is less. Each year's fee increase shall be calculated based on the fee amount from the previous year. The CPI utilized shall be the most recent CPI reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Southeastern Regional Office (1982-84=100), urban wage earners and clerical workers, for all items not seasonally adjusted as published in January. The adjusted fees shall be calculated by the Broward County Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division and shall be posted on its website. After October 1, 2019, but before October 1, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners must consider future CPI increases to the rates provided for herein.
- (7) If payment is made by credit card, a credit card fee in the amount of three percent (3%) may be charged to the vehicle owner.

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**Editor's note**— Res. No. 2015-051, §§ 1, 2, adopted Feb. 10, 2015, repealed §§ 27.150 and 27.151 and enacted a new § 27.150 as set out herein. The former §§ 27.150 and 27.151 pertained to regulation established and categories and fees established, respectively, and derived from Res. No. 1990-0135, adopted Jan. 9, 1990; Res. No. 1998-1031, adopted Oct. 12, 1998; Res. No. 2006-017, adopted Feb. 10, 2006; Res. No. 2006-400, adopted June 13, 2006; Res. No. 2009-353, § 3, adopted May 12, 2009; and Res. No. 2012-731, adopted Nov. 27, 2012.

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