



# City of Margate

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## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Mayor and City Commission

**FROM:** Cale Curtis, City Manager

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 - POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE VI - TRAFFIC CONTROL, SECTION 33-69.50 REGULATING TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF TOWING COMPANY LICENSING AND REGULATING ORDINANCE OF BROWARD COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR UPDATED RATES; PROVIDING FOR RETRIEVAL OF VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR DECEPTIVE AND UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL NONCONSENT TOWING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**BACKGROUND:** The Police Department has received a significant number of complaints regarding business practices by towing companies when conducting nonconsent tows. This proposed ordinance will provide for additional protections to consumers and improve enforceability by the Police Department and Code Compliance Officers.

The rates have been updated to reflect the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment and prevailing rates already provided for by City Code.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Janette Smith, City Attorney  
Jon Shaw, Chief of Police