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Introduced by Council Member Gay and amended by the Neighborhoods,

Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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ORDINANCE 2025-64-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE TIMELINE FOR WRECKER FIRMS TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE OF LIEN; AMENDING CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), PART 12 (WRECKER FACILITIES AND CHARGES), SECTION 804.1204 (TOWING, OTHER SERVICES AND STORAGE CHARGES; NOTICE BY THE SHERIFF) TO REDUCE THE TIME FOR A WRECKER TO SEND THE NOTICE OF LIEN REGARDING AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE OR VESSEL AND TO REDUCE \mathtt{THE} DELAY IN CHARGING TOWING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AMENDING CHAPTER (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), PART 13 (TOWING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY), SECTION 804.1306 (ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES) TO REDUCE THE TIME FOR A WRECKER TO SEND THE NOTICE OF LIEN REGARDING AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE OR VESSEL AND TO REDUCE THE DELAY IN CHARGING TOWING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Section 804.1204 (Towing, other services and storage charges; notice by the Sheriff) amended. Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Part 12 (Wrecker Facilities Charges), Section 804.1204 (Towing, other services and storage charges; notice by the Sheriff), Ordinance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 804. - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE

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2 PART 12. - WRECKER FACILITIES AND CHARGES

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Sec. 804.1204. - Towing, other services and storage charges; notice by the Sheriff.

When a motor vehicle must be transported to a public storage lot or to a location within the designated towing zone, standard charges for towing and storage or other services shall be charged by wrecker and towing firms and by the City to owners of motor vehicles directed to be towed by the Sheriff's Office. Whenever a motor vehicle is directed to be towed by the Sheriff's Office, the towing firm shall within seven five business days from the date of such direction notify in writing, by certified mail, the registered owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the vehicle, and any and all lienholders of record (as appears on the motor vehicle registration or as disclosed by the records in the State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles). The notice shall contain the date and time of towing, the name of the registered owner of the motor vehicle, the name of the towing company and the address at which the towed motor vehicle is stored. In the event the towed motor vehicle has a temporary license tag affixed to it, the towing firm shall, if possible, provide the same notice required herein within seven five business days to the entity to which the temporary license tag was issued. At the request of an owner or driver for his vehicle to be towed to another location, charges shall be negotiated between the owner or driver and the towing firm. Charges for towing and storage or other services and the classification of wrecker service shall be determined by the vehicle to be towed or service to be performed, and shall not exceed the charges set forth in www.jaxsheriff.org/fees for the following:

TOWING AND OTHER SERVICE CHARGES

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(g) Administrative Fees:

(1) A towing firm may, after the first 72 48 hours, charge an administrative fee not to exceed an amount for actual documented costs associated with notice advertising and with research for and mailing of certified notices to registered owners, insurers, and lien holders of record as required by F.S. § 713.78(3)713.78(4), but the actual documented cost shall not exceed a rate found in www.jaxsheriff.org/fees.

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Section 2. Section 804.1306 (Establishment of Rates) amended. Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Part 13 (Towing on Private Property) Section 804.1306 (Establishment of rates), Ordinance Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 804. - JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE

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PART 13. - TOWING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

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Sec. 804.1306. - Establishment of rates.

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- (c) The maximum rates established in paragraph (1) above shall be a flat fee which shall be all inclusive and, by way of illustration, no additional charges shall be made for:
 - (1) Any fees for special equipment or services such as double hook up, vehicle entry when locked, dropping transmission linkage, axle or drive shaft removal, dollies, trailer or flat bed, lifts, slim jims, go jacks, removing bumpers, airing up brakes, and mileage;
 - (2) Time spent at the scene of the tow; or
 - (3) Storage for the first six hours.

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No other fees of whatever kind may be charged for services rendered 1 during the first $\frac{72}{48}$ hours that the vehicle is in the possession 2 3 of the towing service, beginning from the time the vehicle is 4 delivered to the storage facility. Storage fees as set forth above may be assessed after the initial six-hour period based on a 24-hour 5 day, each day starting at the time of impound. An administrative fee 6 7 not to exceed for actual documented costs may be charged after the first $\frac{72}{48}$ hours so long as the towing service has actually complied 8 with the requirements of F.S. § 713.78 for actual documented costs, 9 including execution and mailing of the lien notice, but shall not 10 exceed the rate found in www.jaxsheriff.org/fees. 11

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Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

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/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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