

1 Introduced by Council Member Gay:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-64**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE TIMELINE FOR WRECKER
6 FIRMS TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE OF LIEN; AMENDING
7 CHAPTER 804 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), PART 12
8 (WRECKER FACILITIES AND CHARGES), SECTION
9 804.1204 (TOWING, OTHER SERVICES AND STORAGE
10 CHARGES; NOTICE BY THE SHERIFF) TO REDUCE THE
11 TIME FOR A WRECKER TO SEND THE NOTICE OF LIEN
12 REGARDING AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE OR VESSEL AND TO
13 REDUCE THE DELAY IN CHARGING TOWING
14 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AMENDING CHAPTER 804
15 (JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE), PART 13 (TOWING ON
16 PRIVATE PROPERTY), SECTION 804.1306
17 (ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES) TO REDUCE THE TIME FOR
18 A WRECKER TO SEND THE NOTICE OF LIEN REGARDING
19 AN IMPOUNDED VEHICLE OR VESSEL AND TO REDUCE THE
20 DELAY IN CHARGING TOWING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES;
21 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

28 **CHAPTER 804 JACKSONVILLE TRAFFIC CODE**

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30 **PART 12. WRECKER FACILITIES AND CHARGES**

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

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

27 TOWING AND OTHER SERVICE CHARGES

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29 (g) *Administrative Fees:*

30 (1) A towing firm may, after the first ~~72~~ 48 hours, charge an
31 administrative fee not to exceed an amount for actual

1 documented costs associated with notice advertising and with
2 research for and mailing of certified notices to registered
3 owners and lien holders of record as required by F.S. §
4 713.78(3), but the actual documented cost shall not exceed
5 a rate found in www.jaxsheriff.org/fees.

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

11 **PART 13. TOWING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

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13 **Sec. 804.1306. - Establishment of rates**

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

23 No other fees of whatever kind may be charged for services rendered
24 during the first ~~72~~ 48 hours that the vehicle is in the possession
25 of the towing service, beginning from the time the vehicle is
26 delivered to the storage facility. Storage fees as set forth above
27 may be assessed after the initial six-hour period based on a 24-hour
28 day, each day starting at the time of impound. An administrative fee
29 not to exceed for actual documented costs may be charged after the
30 first ~~72~~ 48 hours so long as the towing service has actually complied
31 with the requirements of F.S. § 713.78 for actual documented costs,

1 including execution and mailing of the lien notice, but shall not
2 exceed the rate found in www.jaxsheriff.org/fees.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/Gaby Young

11 Office of General Counsel

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