

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-358

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gay

**Date of Introduction:** April 28, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, R, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** April 29, 2026

**Type of Action:** *Ordinance Code* repeal and replacement (Chapter 804, Parts 12 and 13)

**Bill Summary:** This bill repeals Part 12 (Wrecker Facilities and Charges) and Part 13 (Towing on Private Property), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code, and creates a new Part 12 (Towing and Storage of Vehicles and Vessels from Public Property) and a new Part 13 (Towing and Storage of Vehicles and Vessels from Private Property), Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code, to update and clarify provisions related to nonconsensual towing and storage of vehicles and vessels from public and private property.

**Background Information:** Chapter 804 (Jacksonville Traffic Code), Ordinance Code, governs traffic regulation within the City of Jacksonville. Part 12 (Wrecker Facilities and Charges) and Part 13 (Towing on Private Property) currently regulate the nonconsensual towing and storage of vehicles and vessels from public and private property, respectively. This bill repeals both parts in their entirety and replaces them with two newly created parts addressing the same subject matter.

The new Part 12 (Towing and Storage of Vehicles and Vessels from Public Property) governs nonconsensual tows initiated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) or a Department or Agency of the City from public property and establishes a rotating wrecker call list ("TOL") from which the Sheriff assigns tows. The new Part 12 sets minimum public liability insurance requirements for participating towing-storage operators; establishes annual application, permit, and per-tow fees payable to JSO; provides procedures for application, disqualification, appeal, removal, and suspension from the TOL; sets the maximum allowable rates for towing, service, storage, and administrative charges by vehicle weight category; authorizes the Sheriff to divide the City into towing zones and to limit the number of operators per zone; and authorizes the Sheriff to adjust rates annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

The new Part 13 (Towing and Storage of Vehicles and Vessels from Private Property) governs nonconsensual tows of trespass vehicles and trespass vessels from private property. It requires a written agreement between the real property owner and the towing-storage operator prior to any tow; requires the storage site to be located within a ten-mile radius of where the tow originates; requires posted tow-away signage; requires towing-storage operators to maintain and post a rate sheet and to furnish it to the vehicle or vessel owner before attaching the vehicle to a wrecker; requires notification to JSO within thirty minutes of the completion of a tow; sets procedures governing release of a vehicle or vessel when the owner arrives at the tow site, including release without charge if the owner arrives before the vehicle has been attached to a wrecker; sets the maximum allowable rates for towing, service, storage, and administrative charges by vehicle weight category; requires itemized invoices and three-year recordkeeping; prohibits towing a vehicle or vessel out of Duval County; and authorizes the Sheriff to adjust rates annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

**Policy Impact Area:** Towing regulations

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**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact.

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