

**AS AMENDED ON JANUARY 23, 2012  
ORDINANCE NO. 2186**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO ESTABLISH A  
SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE TO VEHICLES  
TOWED AS DISPATCHED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS Chapter 5.64 – TOWING COMPANIES has been adopted by the  
Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS Chapter 5.64 calls for the fees and charges for Police Directed Tows  
and the related storage of towed vehicles to be established by ordinance from time to  
time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, in regular session, that the following schedule  
of maximum towing and storage fees is hereby adopted:

**LICENSING FEES**

Owner/applicant filing fee (per license, with application)	\$75.00
Owner/applicant initial licensing fee (with approved application)	\$75.00
Annual owner/applicant license renewal fee	\$75.00

**MAXIMUM TOWING AND STORAGE FEES**

**Vehicles up to 10,000 GVW**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Accident Vehicle Tow	\$160.00
Disable Vehicle Tow	\$ 80.00
Emergency Relocation Tow	\$ 80.00
Impound Vehicle Tow	\$135.00

**Other Fees (to be included in addition to towing fees, as warranted)**

Standby/Waiting Time Billed in 15 minute increments only after 16 minute wait	\$65.00	Per Hour
Winching (Does not include pulling vehicle onto rollback type truck) Billed in 15 minute increments	\$110.00	Per Hour
Storage (beginning at 12:01am following the tow)	\$50.00	Per Calendar Day Or Portion Thereof
Administrative Fee – Accidents & Impounds Only (Beginning on the 15 <sup>th</sup> day following the tow)	\$30.00	
Snow Emergency Plan in Effect (in addition to towing fees)	\$30.00	
Release Fee (After hours only, at tower's discretion) Normal business hours defined as Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm	\$55.00	

**Automatic Annual Fee Adjustment**

Annual fee adjustment of all tow rates using the Motor Fuel Consumer Price Index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, with annual increases evaluated in January for the previous 12 month period, beginning January 1, 2013. Increases shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar and shall be effective for the ensuing 12 month period.

1. A police directed towing company shall not charge fees for towing, storage, or release of vehicles less than 10,000 GVW, other than those set by ordinance.
2. A police directed towing company shall post a list of current, City Council approved towing and storage fees in a conspicuous place at their storage facility.
3. The tow truck operator shall give a list of current towing and storage fees to the vehicle owner/operator, ~~if available,~~ at the scene of the tow or to the officer on scene if the owner/operator is unavailable.
4. Vehicle owners may not abandon vehicles at a City licensed facility. Leaving a vehicle at a tow facility for more than two (2) weeks shall constitute abandonment. Abandoning a vehicle may result in forfeiture of the vehicle, criminal and/or civil prosecution including a municipal fine of up to \$1,000, plus court and recovery costs. In cases of police impounded vehicles, the two (2)


week time period begins on the day following the release of the vehicle by the police department.


AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that all fees contained herein shall be reviewed from time to time, but at least annually, for fairness and sufficiency.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage, 2012.

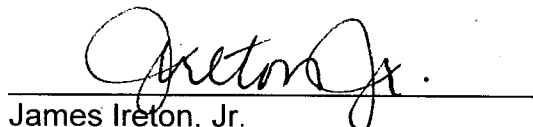
THE ABOVE ORDINANCE was introduced at a meeting of the Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day January, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda J. Colegrove  
City Clerk

  
Terry E. Cohen  
President of the City Council  
Of the City of Salisbury

Approved by me this  
25<sup>th</sup> day January, 2012.

  
James Ireton, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Salisbury