INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-25 (REPOSESSION OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES; TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES), of Article C (DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, UNATTENDED AND IMMOBILE MOTOR VEHICLES), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

The proposed ordinance increases towing fees and charges, for motor vehicles impounded by the City. Previously, the towing fee was $75, plus a $60 administrative charge. The new rate includes a towing fee of $100, plus a $70 administrative charge.

Sponsor

Staff

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager  
Bruce Johnson, Director, OMB  
Richard Baier, Director, T&ES  
Ignacio Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§2.07, Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

See Memorandum from the City Manager

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

None
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a) The owner of any vehicle impounded under this article, a person duly authorized by the owner and any person possessing a security interest in the vehicle shall be permitted to repossess the vehicle up to the time of its sale by:

(1) payment of a towing charge of $75 $100;
(2) payment of a storage charge of $30 per day;
(3) payment of a charge of $63 $70 to cover the administrative costs incurred by the city in impounding the vehicle, in learning the identity of the vehicle owner and the holders of a security interest in the vehicle and in conducting the sale; and
(4) in the case of vehicles identified in section 5-8-22(f), payment of the outstanding parking violation notices for which the vehicle was removed.

b) Payment of the charges and costs identified in subsection (a) shall not operate to relieve the owner of the impounded vehicle or the owner's agent from liability for any fine or penalty.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2008.

William D. Euille
Mayor

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Final Passage: June 14, 2008