

# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 1983-25

No. 373 **AN ORDINANCE** IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE II SECTION 15-18(b), 15-22(a) AND 15-23(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE RELATIVE TO VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, AS AMENDED.

Approved May 3, 1983

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION I. Article II Section 15-18(b), 15-22(a) and 15-23(a) are hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Generally, Any police officer may remove or impound or cause to remove or impound any vehicle which is in violation of any state or city law or is involved in any ongoing or new police investigation.

(b) Payment of Charges. A charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for towing performed during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or a charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for towing performed during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.; and/or truck towing and/or winching of commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or greater including trucks, buses, trailers, semis, construction equipment, etc., refer to the individual carrier's tariff on file with the Rhode Island Department of Public Utilities plus a storage charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per day (twenty-four (24) hours) or for a fraction thereof for storage off the public highway in a secured lot; an additional charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the special use of a car carrier will be levied when requested or required; an additional labor charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per 1/2 hour for cable winching, with a five (5) minute free hook-up time allowed on each winch job; and additional labor charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) for (linkage) the express purpose of moving the shift lever into a towaway position and/the repositioning into a park position when the tow is completed; all fees shall be paid to the carrier in the usual business manner

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before any such vehicle shall be released except for vehicles towed during periods when emergency regulations controlling parking and traffic movements during storm periods are in effect. The payment of such towing and storage charges shall not release the operator or owner of the vehicle from any penalty imposed for violation of any traffic regulation.

SECTION 2. Section 15-22 (a), entitled: "Towing and storage charges during emergencies; amount, payment" is amended as follows:

Section 15-22. Towing and storage charges during emergencies; amount, payment.

(a) Generally. During periods when emergency regulations controlling parking and traffic movements during storm periods are in effect a towing charge for day or night not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for passenger vehicles or small trucks under 10,001 pounds G.V.W., not to exceed sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) for commercial vehicles over 10,001 pounds G.V.W., plus a storage charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per day (twenty-four (24) hours) or for a fraction thereof for storage off the public highway in a secured lot shall be paid to the carrier in the usual business manner.

SECTION 3. Section 15-23 (a) entitled: "Use of towing service companies by police department", is hereby amended as follows:

Towing service companies will be required to release towed vehicles only during normal daylight hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for seven (7) days a week.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 21 1983  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED, *as amended*

*Rose M. Mendonca* CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 2 1983

FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*[Signature]*  
PRESIDENT  
*Rose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
MAY 3 1983  
*Vincenta Canino*  
MAYOR

**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**FINANCE**

**Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance, as amended**

*Rose M. Henderson*  
Chairman

*April 18, 1983*

**COUNCIL**

**FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED**

**PRESIDENT**

**MAY 3 1983**

CHARLES A. PISATURO, ESQ.  
CITY SOLICITOR



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
MAYOR

## DEPARTMENT OF LAW

April 18, 1983

Carolyn F. Brassil  
Chairwoman, Council Committee  
on Finance  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Chairwoman Brassil:

Enclosed please find our suggested amendments  
to the Tow Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free  
to contact me.

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. D'AMICO, JR.

JTD/vav  
Enclosures

cc: Rose Mendonca