

**BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 287 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK ENTITLED “VEHICLES, REMOVAL AND STORAGE OF” TO
UPDATE SECTION 11 ENTITLED “TOWING AND STORAGE FEES”**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Chapter 287: “Vehicles, Removal and Storage” of the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park is hereby amended as follows (~~stricken~~ text deleted; underlined text added):

CHAPTER 287: VEHICLES, REMOVAL AND TOWING

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SECTION 11: TOWING AND TORAGE FEES

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§ 287-11. Towing and storage fee schedule. [Amended 11-25-2014 by Ord. No. 1628; 4-21-2015 by Ord. No. 1637]

A. Fees for towing and storage of private passenger automobiles and municipal automobiles or vans, other than those damaged in an accident or recovered after being stolen, may not exceed the fees set forth below:

~~(1) The following is the fee schedule for towing services:~~

<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Car, light truck (less than 1 1/2 ton capacity)	\$150

~~(2) The following is the fee schedule for storage services: [Amended 8-23-2016 by Ord. No. 2016-16]~~

Storage Inside Storage Outside Storage

No charge for first 24 hours ~~\$45 per day~~ ~~\$35 per day~~

(3) ~~The following is the fee schedule for other services:~~

Service	Fee
No towing fee	\$50*
Road service	\$50
Heavy duty towing	\$475
Light duty winching other than authorized towing service	\$100

NOTES:

* _____ There is hereby established a service charge of \$50 to be paid by either the owner or driver of any vehicle who refuses to have his vehicle towed by a tow truck called by the police, or by the owner or the lessee of the property on which the vehicle is located.

- B. ~~This chapter is not intended to regulate or set fees for the towing or storage of trucks, buses or motorcycles or the provision of emergency road service. Such services, if requested, shall be billed at the provider's normal and customary rate or as otherwise agreed upon between the provider of the service and the motorist.~~
- C. ~~The fees set forth on the schedules for towing rates are the maximum charges that shall apply to a private passenger automobile for basic towing services. There shall be no additional charges other than those provided herein but not limited to flatbedding, waiting time, winching, cleanup cost and additional labor when only basic towing services as defined are provided.~~
- ~~(1) Tow vehicles transporting multiple passenger cars at one time shall receive the applicable fees for each vehicle transported.~~
 - ~~(2) Owners of vehicles shall be able to receive vehicles towed and/or transported by authorized agents in accordance with this chapter at any time during normal business hours at the authorized tower's facility. During nonbusiness hours, such as nights, weekends, and holidays, the authorized agent shall provide a reasonable response time during those nonbusiness hours for the return of such towed vehicles. Requests for the return of vehicles during those nonbusiness hours shall be made at the Police Desk of the Borough of Palisades Park. The Police Desk attendant shall notify the official towing agency in possession of the vehicle and advise the owner as to the reasonable time and place where the owner shall be able to receive the vehicle.~~
 - ~~(3) All rates for vehicles towed shall be the same during days, nights, weekends, and holidays.~~
- D. ~~The fees set forth on the schedules contained in § 287-11A and B of this chapter for storage fees are the maximum storage charges per twenty-four hour period that shall apply to a private passenger automobile that is stored by a person.~~

E. **ROAD SERVICE**

<u>CARS (LIGHT)</u>	<u>\$150.00 PER HOUR PLUS PARTS</u>
<u>TRUCKS (MEDIUM/ HEAVY)</u>	<u>\$200.00 PER HOUR PLUS PARTS</u>

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G. **TOWING – Basic**

<u>LIGHT DUTY- up to 10,000 lbs.</u>	<u>HOOK-UP \$155</u>
<u>MEDIUM DUTY- 10,001-16,000 lbs.</u>	<u>\$300.00 PER HOUR</u>
<u>HEAVY DUTY- 16,001 and above</u>	<u>\$500.00 PER HOUR</u>
<u>DECOUPLING FEE (IF TOW IS NOT PERFORMED)</u>	<u>½ OF BASIC RATE</u>

H. **ON-HOOK MILEAGE**

<u>LIGHT DUTY</u>	<u>\$7.00/ PER LOADED MILES</u>
<u>MEDIUM DUTY</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>HEAVY DUTY</u>	<u>N/A</u>

I. **RECOVERY/ WINCHING (In Addition to Towing)**

<u>LIGHT/ MEDIUM DUTY 10,001-16,000 lbs.</u>	<u>\$350.00 PER HOUR CHARGED IN ½ HOUR INCREMENTS OF \$175.00 PER ½ HOUR</u>
<u>HEAVY DUTY 16,001 and above</u>	<u>\$650.00 PER HOUR</u>

J. **SPECIALIZED RECOVERY EQUIPMENT**

ROTATOR/ CRANE RECOVERY UNIT	\$1200.00 PER HOUR
TRACTOR WITH LANDOLL TRAILER OR DETACH TRAILER	\$500.00 PER HOUR
TRACTOR/ TRANSPORT HAULER ONLY	\$350.00 PER HOUR
REFRIGERATED TRAILER W/ TRACTOR	\$550.00 PER HOUR
BOX TRAILER W/ TRACTOR	\$500.00 PER HOUR
AIR CUSHION UNIT	\$1000.00 PER HOUR
LIGHT TOWER	\$250.00 PER HOUR
PALLET JACK	\$200.00 FLAT RATE
ROLLERS	\$200.00 FLAT RATE
ANY OTHER SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT	\$300.00 PER HOUR
LOADER/ BACKHOE/ TELESCOPIC HANDLER/ BULLDOZER/ ETC	\$400.00 PER HOUR EACH
FORKLIFT/ SKID STEER/BOBCAT/ETC	\$400.00 PER HOUR
DUMP TRUCK/ DUMP TRAILER W/ TRACTOR	\$400.00 PER HOUR
ROLL-OFF WITH CONTAINER	\$400.00 PER HOUR PLUS DISPOSAL
RECOVERY SUPERVISOR VEHICLE	\$150.00 PER HOUR
SCENE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT, ETC.	\$250.00 PER HOUR EACH TYPE USED
RECOVERY SUPPORT VEHICLE/ TRAILER ADDITIONAL RECOVERY EQUIPMENT	\$350.00 PER HOUR

K. **LABOR- ALL LABOR MIN OF 1 HOUR**

ACCIDENT MINOR CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS	\$75.00 PER HOUR ONE HOUR MINIMUM PLUS ABSORBENT MATERIALS USED
RECOVERY SUPERVISOR AND/ OR LEVEL III RECOVERY SPECIALIST	\$250.00 PER HOUR *Charges limited to one per incident
CERTIFIED TOWING OPERATOR	\$150.00 HOUR PER PERSON
MANUAL LABORERS	\$125.00 PER HOUR PER PERSON

L. **STORAGE – PER CALENDAR DAY (INSIDE RATES TWO TIMES OUTSIDE RATE)**

CARS/ LIGHT TRUCKS -10' X 20' SPACE	\$50.00 PER DAY
TRUCKS (DUAL WHEELS)/ SINGLE AXLE	\$125.00 PER DAY
TRACTOR/ DUMP TRUCK/ TRACTOR AND TRAILER COMBO/ TRAILERS	\$125.00 PER UNIT PER DAY
BUSES	\$150.00 PER DAY
ROLL-OFF	\$125.00 PER DAY FOR EACH *Plus applicable rental fee
CARGO/ACCIDENT DEBRIS/ LOAD STORAGE/ VEHICLE COMPONENTS 10' x 20' SPACE	\$50.00 PER SPACE USED PER DAY
RENTAL OF ANY TOW COMPANY SUPPLIED TRAILER POST INCIDENT	\$500.00 PER DAY

M. **** STORAGE BILLED PER CALENDAR DAY****

N. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES/ NOTES**

FUEL/ HAZ-MAT/ CARGO SPILLS CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL	TIME AND MATERIAL
HAZMAT AND TRASH RECOVERY	SURCHARGED 10%

SUBCONTRACTOR MARK-UP	20%
ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE ONLY AFTER 3RD VISIT TO VEHICLE	CARS ONLY - \$50.00
ADMINISTRATION CHARGE	MEDIUM/ HEAVY TRUCK - \$200.00
AFTER HOURS RELEASE	\$85.00
NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION FEE	\$75.00
TARPING/ WRAPPING VEHICLE	\$90.00 PER CAR \$250.00 PER TRUCK
FUEL SURCHARGE	SEE CHART BELOW

o. **FUEL SURCHARGE CHART - TOW AND MILEAGE COST ONLY**

FUEL COST	FUEL SURCHARGE PERCENTAGE
\$2.50	0%
\$3.00	1%
\$3.50	2%
\$4.00	3%
\$4.50	4%
\$5.00	5%
\$5.50	6%
\$6.00	7%
\$6.50	8%
\$7.00	9%

\$7.50	10%
\$8.00	11%

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough of Palisades Park, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Code of the Borough of Palisades Park is hereby amended to update Section 11 entitled “Towing and Storage Fees” in Chapter 287: “Vehicles, Removal and Storage”, by the following vote

ATTEST:

Sophia H. Jang, Borough Clerk

Chong Paul Kim, Mayor

First Reading: November 24, 2025

Second Reading: December 15, 2025