Passed: 8-0

ORDINANCE 96-43

TO AMEND TITLE 15 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
(Adjusting Towing and Storage Fees)

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington Police Department contracts with various towing companies in Monroe County in order to remove vehicles that are public nuisances or have been abandoned; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Municipal Code sets caps as to the amounts that may be charged for the services that are provided by these private companies when assisting the Bloomington Police Department; and

WHEREAS, said charges have not been updated since January, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing said service for the Bloomington Police Department has risen since that time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Section 15.48.030 Towing and Storage Charges shall be amended to read as follows:

The maximum amount that an authorized towing service may charge for hooking up, towing or removing a vehicle under this chapter may not exceed forty-five dollars ($45.00) during the day, and fifty-five dollars ($55.00) during the night, except where special treatment may be required. Special treatment, including dollying, may not exceed an additional twenty-five dollars ($25.00). For purposes of this chapter, "day" includes the hours between seven a.m. and six p.m., Monday through Saturday, and "night" includes the hours between six p.m. and seven a.m. Monday through Friday, and six p.m. Saturday evening through seven a.m. Monday morning. Motorcycles are not included in the above mentioned maximums; because of their special handling, the maximum charge at any time for a motorcycle may not exceed fifty dollars ($50.00).

The maximum amount that the service may charge for an arrival on the scene in response to a request by a police officer is twenty dollars ($20.00) during the day, and twenty-five dollars ($25.00) during the night hours.

Should the owner/operator wish to retrieve the vehicle from the service during night hours, in addition to any towing and storage charges, an amount not to exceed fifteen dollars ($15.00) may be charged. The maximum amount that may be charged for storage shall not exceed eight dollars and fifty cents ($8.50) per day.

SECTION II. Section 15.52.060 Maximum Towing and Storage Charges shall be amended to read as follows:

The maximum amount that an authorized towing service may charge for hooking up, towing or removing a vehicle under this chapter may not exceed forty-five dollars ($45.00) during the day, and fifty-five dollars ($55.00) during the night, except where special treatment may be required. Special treatment, including dollying, may not exceed an additional twenty-five dollars ($25.00). For purposes of this chapter, "day" includes the hours between seven a.m. and six p.m., Monday through Saturday, and "night" includes the hours between six p.m. and seven a.m. Monday through Friday, and six p.m. Saturday evening through seven a.m. Monday morning. Motorcycles are not included in the above mentioned maximums; because of their special handling, the maximum charge at any time for a motorcycle may not exceed fifty dollars ($50.00).

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SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 2nd day of October, 1996.

Patricia Cole

PATRICIA COLE, Vice President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 3rd day of October, 1996.

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 3 day of October, 1996.

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance increases the towing and storage charges in Chapter 15.48 (Emergency Removal and Impoundment of Vehicles) and Chapter 15.52 (Abandoned Vehicles) of the BMC. The ordinance is designed to reflect increased costs to the contracting tow operators who tow vehicles upon order of the Bloomington Police Department.

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