

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.68.110 (FEE SCHEDULE) OF CHAPTER 5.68 (TOWING COMPANIES) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF CREST HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crest Hill is authorized by Section 11-60-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code to fix the amount, terms and manner of issuing, regulating and revoking licenses (65 ILCS 5/11-60-1); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crest Hill has previously exercised said authority by adopting Title 5 of its Code of Ordinances which contains a comprehensive set of Business License Requirements and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 5.68 of Title 5 establishes licensing requirements and regulations of towing companies within the City in addition to establishing a Crest Hill Police Department Rotation Tow List and requirements for applying to the City of Crest Hill to participate in the Police Department Towing Program and performance, equipment and facility requirements for Towing Companies approved to participate in the Police Department Towing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.68.110 sets out a schedule of fees for towing services to persons referred by the City or the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to its express authority granted by the Illinois Municipal Code, the City of Crest Hill has from time to time deemed it necessary to amend its Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees in Section 5.68.110 were approved and made effective January 1, 2008 and have not been amended since then; and

**WHEREAS**, the fees in Section 5.68.110 were to remain in effect until amended by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the fees in Section 5.68.110 should be amended to reflect the increases in labor, material and equipment since January 1, 2008.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Crest Hill, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1: PREAMBLE.** The preamble of this Ordinance is declared to be true and correct and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

**SECTION 2: APPROVAL.** Section 5.68.110 (Fee Schedule) of Chapter 5.68 (Towing Companies) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations of the City of Crest Hill Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows, with all other sections of Chapter 5.68 remaining unchanged:

## **§ 5.68.110 FEE SCHEDULE.**

The fee schedule outlines the fees participating firms shall charge for various services provided for motorists at the request of the city. Fees shall not be increased, and no other charges shall be allowed without prior consent of the city. The city may change the scheduled fees from time to time as may be approved by the City Council.

(A) *Fee schedule.* Effective June 1, 2025, until amended by the City of Crest Hill, the following fee schedule shall be used by all towing firms providing services to people referred to by the city. The following are maximum fees but are not required to be charged for every service provided.

<b><i>Services</i></b>	<b><i>Fee</i></b>
Basic tow charge	\$185
Winching charge	\$75
Storage charge (auto) (per day charge)	\$55
Jump start charge	\$85
Tire change charge	\$85
Lockout charge	\$85
Relocation fee	\$50
Administrative fee	\$50
Crash Wrap	\$50
Oil Dry/Clean	\$50
Safety Battery Disconnect	\$40

(B) For unusual circumstances, a vehicle owner or insurance company may be charged at the rate of \$50 per hour to cover expenses relating to tow truck and driver fees. However, this must be explained in detail on the service invoice and will be reviewed and monitored by the city for reasonableness.

(C) Any fees that are charged for services provided, whether identified above or other charges, should be itemized on the towing invoice.

(D) Fees will be charged for the type of vehicle towed, rather than the type of equipment used to tow the vehicle. There will be no additional tow fee for the use of a flatbed tow.

(E) Daily storage charges will be assessed for each 24-hour period commencing at the time the vehicle arrives at the storage facility.

(F) No additional labor charge will be assessed for a single tow service. A tow service includes all labor that results from hooking up, hoisting, and towing away any damaged or parked vehicle, and includes gaining entry to the vehicle, straightening the front wheel, tying the wheel, releasing the brake, and disconnecting the transmission on a rear-wheel-drive vehicle. No additional fees of any kind will be permitted.

(Ord. 1487, passed 5-18-09)

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4: REPEALER.** All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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PASSED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025.

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Alderman Scott Dyke	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Angelo Deserio	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderwoman Claudia Gazal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Darrell Jefferson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderperson Tina Oberlin	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Mark Cipiti	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Nate Albert	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alderman Joe Kubal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Raymond R. Soliman	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025.

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Raymond R. Soliman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Vershay-Hall, City Clerk