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ORDINANCE NO. 496

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING ARTICLE 12-1, "TRAFFIC CONTROL", SECTION 12-1-13 "TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES", BY ADDING SUBSECTION D.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 12-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12-1 Traffic Control

12-1-1 Words and Phrases Defined. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-2 Traffic Administration. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-3 Enforcement of Traffic Regulations. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-4 Snow or Other Disaster Days. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-5 Turning Movements. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-6 One-Way Streets and Alleys. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-7 Methods of Parking. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-8 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited at Specified Places and Times. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-9 Parking for Certain Purposes Prohibited. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-10 Other Restricted Parking Areas. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-11 Stopping for Loading or Unloading Only; By Permit Only. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-12 Miscellaneous Parking Provisions. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-13 Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles. **SEE BELOW**

12-1-14 Regulations for Bicycles; Voluntary; Exception – Rental Agency. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-15 Parade, Assembly and Procession Permits. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-16 Miscellaneous Traffic Enforcement Rules. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-17 Authority to Detain Persons to Service Traffic Complaints. **NO CHANGE**

12-1-18 Penalties. **NO CHANGE**

Section 12-1-13 Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles is hereby amended as shown below:

Section 12-1-13 Towing and Impoundment of Vehicles

A. Authorization. The Police Department may take charge of, remove, and keep in custody, under the direction of the Chief of Police, any unoccupied vehicle of any kind or description violating any of the provisions of this Code or any of the ordinances of the Town or the laws of the State of Arizona regulating the standing and parking of vehicles.

B. Impounded Vehicles - Record, Towing Service. The Police department shall maintain a record of all vehicles impounded. Such records shall show the date and the location from which the vehicle was removed, the reason for such removal and impounding, and location at which the vehicle is stored. The Police Department shall further provide for adequate towing service to implement the provisions of this code. The Police Department is authorized to use a commercial towing service for the towing and storage of any impounded vehicles.

C. Impounded Vehicles - Release. The Police Department shall direct the return to the owner of an impounded vehicle when the owner has furnished evidence of his/her identity and ownership, signed a receipt, and paid the cost of any applicable towing and storage fees, including those set forth by the commercial towing service authorized and designated to carry out such function under the direction of the Police Department. The payment of towing and storage fees shall not release the owner or driver of such vehicles of any other penalty imposed for a violation of this title or any of the ordinances of the Town or the laws of the State of Arizona.

D. The Police Department may impound or detain a vehicle that has accumulated numerous unanswered or unpaid parking violations, as follows:

1. Vehicles with more than three (3) outstanding or defaulted citations are subject either to impound or to detainment by a mechanical device that prevents mobilization, such as a tire "boot;"
2. Prior to a vehicle being impounded or detained for accumulated parking violations, a 14-day notice shall be served to the owner or conspicuously placed on the vehicle;
3. In addition to the requirements of Subsection C of this Section, a vehicle that is impounded or detained pursuant to this subsection will only be released upon full payment of the outstanding fines and any accrued late and/or collection fees.

Section 2. Following its adoption, this Ordinance shall be published by the Town Clerk in accordance with the requirements of A.R.S. § 39-203 *et seq.*

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency herewith.

Section 4. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be rendered or declared invalid or inoperable by legislative action or by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, any provision incorporated by reference, the Town Code as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so rendered or declared invalid or inoperable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME,
YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.

Christina R. Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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