

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY BY ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 32-VI IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES, TITLED "WRECKER SERVICES," AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

- §1 **WHEREAS**, from time to time it is necessary or required that the Norman Police Department use licensed wrecker or towing services to remove vehicles from public property; and
- §2 **WHEREAS**, 47 O.S. § 952(C) recognizes the authority of governing bodies of municipalities to regulate the wrecker vehicle used to perform wrecker or towing services requested by a political subdivision for removal of a vehicle from public property for reasons listed in 47 O.S. § 955; and
- §3 **WHEREAS**, the City of Norman now has more than one licensed wrecker service within its corporate limits and the governing body of the City of Norman desires to regulate the wrecker vehicle used to perform wrecker or towing services requested by the Norman Police Department for removal of vehicles from public property for the reasons listed in 47 O.S. § 955.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- §4 That the Norman City Code be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to Article 32-VI IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES, "§ 32-605" titled "Wrecker Services," to read as follows:

32-605 Wrecker Services

- A. For purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:
1. *Contractor*: a wrecker or towing service with whom the Norman Police Department has entered into a wrecker service agreement.
 2. *Wrecker or wrecker vehicle*: any motor vehicle that is equipped with any device designed to tow another vehicle or combination of vehicles. The use of the term "wrecker" or "wrecker vehicle" shall be construed to include a combination wrecker or combination wrecker vehicle, as defined in paragraph 4 of this section, unless a specific differentiation is otherwise described.
 3. *Combination wrecker or combination wrecker vehicle*: any wrecker vehicle which is designed and equipped with two separate and distinct devices to tow simultaneously two or more other vehicles or combinations of vehicles, whether or not both devices are in use simultaneously. One of the devices shall allow another vehicle to be loaded onto and transported upon the wrecker vehicle, and one of the devices shall allow another vehicle to be attached to and pulled by the wrecker vehicle.

4. *Tow or towing*: the use of a wrecker vehicle to lift, pull, move, haul or otherwise transport any other vehicle by means of:

- a. attaching the vehicle to and pulling the vehicle with the wrecker vehicle, or
- b. loading the vehicle onto and transporting the vehicle upon the wrecker vehicle,

from the place where the vehicle was disabled or impounded to a safe protected storage area.

5. *Impoundment yard*: a facility used for the temporary storage of abandoned or disabled vehicles which have been transported by a wrecker or towing service having a State and City Impoundment Yard license. Such a facility shall not be operated as a junk yard, where vehicles are dismantled or parts sold.

B. Contractors providing wrecker or towing services for the Norman Police Department shall maintain an office and impoundment yard within the corporate limits of the City of Norman between west 72nd Avenue and east 84th Avenue.

C. As a condition of providing wrecker or towing services for the Norman Police Department, each contractor shall comply with all guidelines, policies, and standard operating procedures approved by the Chief of Police, and with all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws governing towing services and impoundment yards.

§5 **SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

§6 **REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are now expressly repealed.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

NOT ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Stephen Tyler Holman, Mayor

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ATTEST:

City Clerk