

Township of Piscataway

4-12.11 Service Rates: (Towing/Storage).

Charges for the transportation, hauling or servicing of disabled vehicles by any approved wrecker shall not exceed the following rates:

a. *Light Duty Towing Rates.*

1. Towing Service.

(a) Rate

From 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. \$115.00

From 6:01 p.m. to 5:59 a.m. and weekends and holidays \$125.00

2. Mileage.

(a) Five (\$5.00) dollars per mile (one-way) outside the Township when the wrecker agrees to tow outside the Township. The wrecker shall have a duty to advise of the fee prior to commencing any tow outside the Township.

3. Daily Storage Rate.

(a) Inside Storage Facility \$75.00

(b) Outside Storage Facility \$35.00

(c) All storage rates per day, billable in six (6) hour increments starting after the first twenty-four (24) hours that a vehicle has been stored. No storage fee shall apply to any vehicle retrieved in the first twenty-four (24) hours.

(d) Storage fees shall be limited to seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars per motor vehicle stored regardless of the duration of storage, as determined by the Director of Public Safety or his designee. (Ord. No. 2017-36)

(e) Storage fees will be waived if the towing request is to bring the motor vehicle into the Township Police headquarters to secure it for a search warrant.

(f) Any vehicle that is in good condition (i.e. no broken windows, no missing doors or shattered windshields) must be stored outside. If a vehicle is determined not to be in such a condition the towing company must state, within their invoice and log book, why the vehicle must be stored inside. (Ord. No. 2017-36)

4. A fee of thirty (\$30.00) dollars per call shall be permitted in the event a wrecker is required to utilize Speedy Dry or an equivalent product. In the event a fee for the use of Speedy Dry or an equivalent product is charged, said charge must be itemized on the invoice for the towing services. No other discretionary fees such as administrative fee, cleanup fee or wait time fees shall be charged.

5. Multiple Vehicle Tows. Tow vehicles transporting multiple passenger cars at one time shall receive the applicable fees for each vehicle transported.

6. If a vehicle is in a ditch; must be uprighted due to a roll-over onto the roof of the vehicle; or the vehicle requires services, other than flat-bedding, waiting time, winching, or clean-up of the roadway, which services are in addition to and apart from the simple act of towing, the licensee may impose a reasonable additional charge which cannot exceed the basic towing fee. (For example: Vehicle in a ditch — one hundred fifteen (\$115.00) dollars; charge for tow — up to an additional one hundred fifteen (\$115.00) dollars; for a total maximum charge of two hundred thirty (\$230.00) dollars.)
7. Additional Services. Wreckers shall have the right to charge for the following services, but shall not exceed the following rates:

(a) Start Vehicle	\$80.00
(b) Replace / Repair Flat Tire	\$80.00
(c) Gas refill (Vehicle out of gas)	\$80.00 plus cost of gas.
(d) Winching per thirty (30) minutes	\$80.00

(Ord. No. 2017-36)

8. There shall be no charge for towing or tire changing services for Piscataway Township Police Department vehicles.

b. *Heavy Duty Towing Rates.*

1. Towing Service.

(a) Rate

Conventional Tows:	
12,500 lbs. to 25,000 lbs.	\$192.50
25,001 lbs. to 55,000 lbs.	\$330.00
55,001 lbs. to 80,000 lbs.	\$495.00
Bus / Coach	\$495.00
Weekdays from 6:01 p.m. to 5:59 a.m., weekends and holidays Additional Fee	\$ 82.50
Extra Heavy Duty Tilt Bed Low-Boy (Tractor & Trailer)	\$385.00 per hour

2. Mileage.
 - (a) Five (\$5.00) dollars per mile (one-way) outside the Township when the wrecker agrees to tow outside the Township. The wrecker shall have a duty to advise of the fee prior to commencing any tow outside the Township.
3. Daily Storage Rate.
 - (a) Tractor \$55.00
 - (b) Trailer \$55.00
 - (c) Bus \$82.50
 - (d) Tractor Trailer \$82.50
 - (e) All storage rates per day, billable in six (6) hour increments starting after the first twenty-four (24) hours that a vehicle has been stored. No storage fee shall apply to any vehicle retrieved in the first twenty-four (24) hours.
 - (f) Storage fees shall be limited to seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars per motor vehicle stored regardless of the duration of storage, as determined by the Director of Public Safety or his designee. (Ord. No. 2017-36)
 - (g) Storage fees will be waived if the towing request is to bring the motor vehicle into the Township Police headquarters to secure it for a search warrant.
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7. *Additional Services.* Wreckers shall have the right to charge for the following services, but shall not exceed the following rates:

(a) Winching	\$385.00
(b) Remove Bumper	\$33.00
(c) Connect Air Line	\$27.50

(d)	Remove Axle	\$27.50 per hour
(e)	Remove Drive Shaft	\$38.50
(f)	Remove Air Scoop	\$49.50
(g)	Remove Exhaust Pipes	\$33.00
(h)	Cage Brake Chamber	\$27.50 per hour
(i)	Extra men	\$88.00 per hour, per man
(j)	<i>Unreasonable Fees.</i> No wrecker shall charge an unreasonable fee for their services. Fees shall be presumed to be unreasonable if they exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the usual and customary fee charged for consensual towing and related storage.	

(1972 Code § 7-13.11; Ord. No. 05-39; Ord. No. 09-02 § 7-13.11; Ord. No. 19-04; Ord. No. 13-08; Ord. No. 2016-41; Ord. No. 2017-36)