

ORDINANCE NO. _____, SERIES 2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 115.451 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (LMCO) RELATING TO REMOVAL OF VEHICLES BY PRIVATE TOW OPERATORS; FEE LIMITS. (AS AMENDED)

SPONSORED BY: President David Yates

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances § 115.451 limits the amount of fees private tow operators may charge for services;

WHEREAS, the maximum collection fees permissible under LMCO § 115.451 are below the amount charged by the Louisville Metro Police Department, do not properly cover the expenses incurred by the private tow operators, and this section was last amended over ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council amends this ordinance to allow private tow operators to adjust for inflation and increase expenses associated with managing this business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: LMCO Section 115.451 shall be amended as follows:

Where a private tow operator removes a motor vehicle because it is parked in a private parking lot in a manner inconsistent with posted instructions, and such removal is pursuant to a contract between the owner of the private parking lot and the tow operator for the removal of any such improperly parked motor vehicles, such tow operator may collect the following charges from the owner of the motor vehicle, payable before the vehicle is released: up to but not more than ~~\$107~~ \$120 for removal and the first three days of storage. ; up to but not more than ~~\$10~~ \$25 per day for storage

~~thereafter.~~ \$138 for removal and the first 24 hours of storage, and \$25 per calendar day thereafter. A private tow operator may not charge a calendar day for storage for days that the private tow operator is not open for the vehicle to be released. In addition to the towing charges, there shall be allowed a \$27 additional flat charge for any vehicle that needs to be dollied.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David Yates
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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