



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

STATEWIDE MAXIMUM RATE TARIFF NO. 5

INTRASTATE RATES AND CHARGES

Applying to

NONCONSENSUAL TOWING

As described in DPS Rule 570-38-7

O.C.G.A. § 44-1-13

MAXIMUM RATE TARIFF

NOTE: The rates contained herein apply to the towing and storage of vehicles improperly parked or trespassing on private property and removed at the request of the property owner or their authorized agent, without the prior consent of the vehicle's owner or operator.

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SECTION 1 – BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

The rates prescribed in this tariff apply to all nonconsensual towing and storage movements within the State of Georgia for the removal and storage of vehicles improperly parked or trespassing on private property. (Exception: The governing authority of a municipality may require towing and storage operators to charge lower maximum rates on traffic moving between points within such municipality than those provided herein.)

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff governs rates, fares and charges for services related to the removal and storage for towing of trespassing vehicles on private property when towing is performed without the prior consent or authorization of the owner or operator of the vehicle.

GOVERNING LAW AND RULES

This tariff is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 44-1-13 and governed by Georgia Department of Public Safety Rules and Regulations Chapter 570-38-7.

DISCOUNTS FROM MAXIMUM RATES OR CHARGES

The rates and charges prescribed herein are maximum rates. Nonconsensual towing carriers (or "carriers") shall not exceed the maximum rates and charges set forth herein. However, carriers may negotiate lower rates at their discretion.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment may be made by cash, money order, certified check or cashier's check. Carriers equipped to accept debit cards and major credit cards may do so at no additional charge to the owner or operator of the vehicle.

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POSTED NOTICE

The rates and charges prescribed in this tariff may only be assessed if the private property on which the trespassing vehicle is located has posted notice stating that any unauthorized vehicles will be towed. Such notices must conform to the sign specifications outlined in DPS Rule 570-38-7-.14. An owner of residential private property containing not more than four residential units is not required to comply with the posting requirements of O.C.G.A. § 44-1-13 and DPS Rule 570-38-7-.14.

IMPOUNDMENT RECORDS AND CONTRACTS

In lieu of executing a contract with a private property owner or their authorized agent, nonconsensual towing carriers removing trespassing vehicles from residential properties containing not more than four residential units may instead obtain advance, signed authorization from the property owner or authorized agent. Proof regarding any such authorization must be maintained by the wrecker service and furnished to DPS staff upon request.

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SECTION 2 – RATES AND CHARGES

A. TOWING RATES AND CHARGES

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| 1. Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less | Not to exceed \$228.00 |
| 2. Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 pounds to 20,000 pounds | Not to exceed \$390.00 |
| 3. Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 20,001 pounds or greater – per unit charge | Not to exceed \$585.00 |
| 4. Removal fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 20,001 pounds or greater – combination unit | Not to exceed \$1,105.00 |
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B. STORAGE RATES AND CHARGES

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| 1. Storage for the first 24 hours, beginning at the time the vehicle is removed from the property | No charge |
| 2. Storage for any day or days the impoundment facility is closed and the vehicle's owner is unable to claim the vehicle | No charge |
| 3. Daily storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds or less | Not to exceed \$33.00 |
| 4. Daily Storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 pounds to 20,000 pounds | Not to exceed \$39.00 |
| 5. Daily Storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 20,001 pounds or greater – per unit charge | Not to exceed \$52.00 |
| 6. Daily Storage fee for vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 20,001 pounds or greater – combination unit | Not to exceed \$98.00 |
| 7. Daily Storage fee for electric vehicles | Not to exceed \$60.00 |
| 8. Daily storage fee for electric vehicles that are damaged and require an isolation barrier | Not to exceed \$100.00 |

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C. OTHER RATES AND CHARGES

Operator Fee

1. If vehicle has been hooked with hoisting apparatus or loaded by the wrecker service and the vehicle has not left the premises and the owner or operator produces ignition key and removes vehicle immediately.

(a) Operator Fee for vehicles with a GVWR of 19,999 or less Not to exceed \$ 130.00

(b) Operator Fee for vehicles with a GVWR of 20,000 or more Not to exceed \$195.00

Notification Fee

2. Notification fee may be charged within the first 24 hours where local law enforcement is notified in writing, by facsimile or other electronic means, in a manner acceptable to local law enforcement Not to exceed \$ 26.00
3. Notification fee may be charged after the first 72 hours Not to exceed \$ 65.00
4. The Notification Fees provided for herein SHALL NOT EXCEED a maximum total Notification Fee of \$91.00, cumulatively.
5. After 30 days, the process outlined in Chapter 11 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia, related to abandoned motor vehicles, applies.

After Hours Fee

6. After hours fee may be charged if the vehicle’s owner wishes to claim an impounded vehicle after the carrier’s posted business hours Not to exceed \$ 65.00