

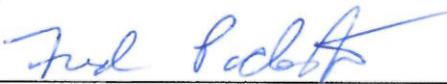


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## City of Seattle Tow Company Rules

### Rule CPU-04-2015

#### Maximum Private Impound Fees

- The maximum private impound fees shall be as specified by SMC 6.214.220 and shall be adjusted by rule, during the first quarter of each calendar year, as follows:
  - Towing service fee and uncompleted tow fee.** These fees shall be adjusted annually based upon the preceding year's percentage change in the annual Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) Transportation as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;
  - Storage fee.** The maximum storage fee that tow companies may charge for storing a private impound vehicle shall be no more than \$30.37 for each 12-hour period that the car remains in storage charged to the nearest half day. The Director shall adjust the maximum storage fee for private property impounds by rule for inflation on an annual basis following publication of the preceding year's percentage change in the annual Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) Transportation, or a successor index thereto, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, provided that any such adjustment in the storage rate shall not result in a storage rate that exceeds the maximum daily storage rate allowed under RCW 46.55.118(1)(b) .
  - After hours release fee.** This fee may be adjusted by the Director upon written findings that reasons to do so exist. The Director shall consider the number and frequency of after-hours releases, the effect of the fee on consumers, the costs to tow companies, and any other factors related to after-hours releases.
- The current maximum private impound fees are shown in the following table:

Fee	Maximum	Comments
Towing service fee	\$186.84 first hour <sup>i</sup>	\$133.34 per subsequent hour billed at \$33.34 for each 15 minutes.
Storage fee	\$30.37 per 12-hour period	\$30.37 per subsequent 12-hour period charged to the nearest 12-hour period. (i.e. 1 min-12 hours storage=\$30.37 12 hours 1 min- 24 hours=\$60.74)
Uncompleted tow fee	\$46.71 per 15 minute period	Time computed from time of dispatch of tow vehicle to time of release
After hours release	\$100	For releases outside of normal business hours

<sup>i</sup> Towing service fee is a flat hourly rate which includes winching, dolly service, drive line removal, installation of chains on the tow truck, installation of portable lights, vehicle hookup for towing or transporting, tire replacement and standby time [SMC 6.214.220.A.2]. Towing service fee is the only basis for computing charges for private impound towing services other than uncompleted tow, storage, and after-hours release fees [SMC 6.214.220.A.1].