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<b>Applicant:</b>  City of Seattle  Department of Finance and Administrative Services	<b>Page:</b>  1 of 2	<b>Supersedes:</b>  Rule R-6.214.350.A effective April 1, 2013
	<b>Publication:</b>  02/25/2015	<b>Effective:</b>  03/18/2015
<b>Director's Rule:</b>  CPU-05-2015 <b>City Impound Fee</b>	<b>Code and Section Reference:</b>  SMC 6.214.350.A	
	<b>Type of Rule:</b>  Code Interpretation	
	<b>Ordinance Authority:</b>  SMC 3.02.060	
<b>Approved:</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <hr/>           Fred Podesta, Director         </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <hr/>           Date         </div> </div>		

## **City of Seattle Tow Company Rules**

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### **Rule CPU-05-2015**

#### **City Impound Fee**

1. The City Impound Fee authorized by SMC 6.214.350.A is \$15 per redeemed vehicle for private impounds conducted in the city of Seattle.
2. Each tow company that conducts private impounds from locations within the city of Seattle must collect the City Impound Fee from the registered owners or other person(s) authorized by RCW 46.55.120 to redeem the impounded vehicles.
3. The City Impound Fee must be itemized separately from the other charges for towing services and storage fees on the receipt required by SMC 6.214.240. The City Impound Fee is not subject to sales tax.
4. Tow companies must remit all City Impound Fees along with the signed and dated vehicle impound list to the Director upon receipt of quarterly invoices. Tow companies must review the quarterly invoices for accuracy. If any of the vehicles listed on the invoice were not redeemed or were not private property impounds, the tow company must indicate that on the list of vehicles. Payments must be sent to the address specified on the invoices and must be made in full 30 days after the invoice date. Late payments may result in suspension of the tow company license.



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March 9, 2015,

TO: Fred Podesta

VIA: William Edwards *W.E.*

From: Laura Beck *L.B.*  
License & Standards Inspector, FAS Consumer Protection

Good afternoon Fred,

A public hearing was held on March 6, 2015 to obtain public comment on the attached 3 Director's rules regarding Seattle Police Department and private property impound administrative fees and maximum private impound fees.

These rules were published February 25, 2015. The city did not receive any comments or questions in writing or by e-mail.

The public hearing was attending by three City representatives (Matthew Eng, Craig Leisy and I) and one representative from Lincoln Towing (see attached sign-in sheet). There were no comments on the content of the rules, however, there was a question about how to calculate the storage fees for private impounds. The public was directed to the example in section 2 of rule CPU-04-2015 which addressed their question.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. If you would have your staff e-mail me ([laura.beck@seattle.gov](mailto:laura.beck@seattle.gov)) when these items are complete, I will stop by to pick them up from your office. Thank you.

