



ORDINANCE

AMENDING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE FINES AND REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS TO PAY TOWING FEES

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

The City of Nashua ordains that Part II “General Legislation” of the Nashua Revised Ordinances, as amended, be hereby further amended by deleting the struck-through language and adding the new underlined language as follows:

1. In Chapter 315 “Vehicles, Abandoned”, Section 315-3 “Violations and penalties”:

“§ 315-3. Violations and Penalties.

Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of at least ~~\$275~~200, and ~~this fine shall be responsible inclusive of for~~ the cost of towing.”

2. In Chapter 320 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XII “Parking, Stopping and Standing”, Section 320-56 “Parking in front of private driveways”:

“§320-56. Parking in front of private driveways.

A. At no time shall any vehicle be stationed in front of any private driveway, or within two feet of any private driveway on either side thereof, or across the street from any driveway so as to impede the free movement of vehicles using such private driveway. Any vehicles parked in violation of this section may be towed or moved as directed by the Chief of Police or his or her designee(s).

B. Anyone violating this provision shall be fined \$50, and shall be responsible for the cost of towing or moving fees. If not paid within seven days, the fine shall increase by \$10 to \$60.”

3. In Chapter 320 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XII “Parking, Stopping and Standing”, Section 320-67 “Parking during snow emergency or snow-removal operations; snow-removal schedules; towing and storage fees”:

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D. The owner of any towed or moved vehicle is responsible for the cost of towing or moving fees and all other costs associated with towing or moving. Said fine and any towing or moving costs must be satisfactorily paid in full prior to the vehicle being released to its owner. After 24 hours, the vehicle will be subject to a daily storage fee.”

4. In Chapter 320 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XII “Parking, Stopping and Standing”, Section 320-77 “Unregistered vehicles”:

“§320-77. Unregistered vehicles.

No unregistered vehicle shall be parked on any public street or in any City-owned public parking lot or garage. The last owner of record, according to the State of New Hampshire registration records, of any vehicle violating this section shall be fined at least \$50 \$125, and ~~this fine~~ shall be responsible for inclusive of the cost of towing.”

5. In Chapter 320 “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article XV “Violations and Penalties”, Section 320-89 “Unpaid non-moving violations”:

“§320-89. Unpaid non-moving violations.

- A. Between April 1 and October 31, any time an owner of a vehicle has unpaid non-moving fines totaling \$200 or more, the owner will be subject to an additional \$50 fine and all towing fees incurred. The owner’s vehicle will be towed and will not be released until the total fine and all towing fees are is-paid in full.
- B. Between November 1 and March 31, any time an owner of a vehicle has unpaid non-moving fines totaling \$100 or more, the owner will be subject to an additional \$50 fine and all towing fees incurred. The owner’s vehicle will be towed and will not be released until the total fine and all towing fees are is-paid in full.”

LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2015

ORDINANCE:

O-15-069

PURPOSE:

Amending certain motor vehicle ordinance fines and requiring motor vehicle owners to pay towing fees

ENDORSERS:

Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENT:**

FISCAL NOTE:

Unknown increase in revenues, intended to cover increased towing costs

ANALYSIS

This legislation amends provisions in Chapters 315 and 320 related to the towing of vehicles for violating prohibitions against abandoning vehicles, leaving unregistered motor vehicles on city property, parking during snow emergencies and snow removal operations and obstructing driveways. The amendments are in response to the increased towing fees established by R-15-161, approving the current agreement with the Nashua Towing Association. The amendments will also eliminating the need to amend these sections in the future should there be further increases in the towing fees.

Approved as to form:

Office of Corporation Counsel

By:

Date:



9/15/15
