

**CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. R08-250**  
**DATE OF PASSAGE May 27, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING R02-594, WITH REGARD TO MAXIMUM TOW AND STORAGE CHARGES IN THE CITY OF AURORA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable for the City to review and amend the maximum tow fees charged by any towing operator in the City of Aurora when removing a vehicle from the street in response to a police call, as well as the maximum storage charges for any such towed vehicles by towing operators in the City of Aurora.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, that Resolution R02-594 is hereby amended as follows :

- (A) The maximum fee which may be charged by any towing operator for removing a vehicle from the street in response to a police call shall be as follows:
- (1) For a tow of any passenger car, motorcycle, panel or truck loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton, one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$10025.00) per call.
  - (2) Passenger car, panel or trucks loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton when hooked together by a tow bar, an additional flat fee of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00).

- (3) Passenger car, panel or truck loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton, coupled to utility trailer, an additional flat fee of ninety-five dollars (\$95.00).
- (4) Passenger car, panel or truck up to and including three-quarter ton when coupled to a house trailer, an additional flat fee of one hundred and five dollars (\$105.00).
- (5) Services when necessary to prepare vehicle for tow; panel truck, loaded to empty, over one-half ton, wrecker vehicle and one (1) man for seventy-five one hundred dollars (\$75100.00) per hour.
- (6) A towing operator who responds to a call but who is required to delay commencing the tow due to circumstances beyond his control shall be permitted to charge at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75100.00) per hour per man for such waiting time for wrecker and one (1) man.
- (7) A towing operator may charge an additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for towing which occurs between 5:00 p.m. and ~~10:00 p.m.~~ and thirty dollars (~~\$30.00~~) between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily and all day Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day).
- (B) The storage charges for towed vehicles shall be as follows:
- (1) For vehicles stored less than twenty-four (24) hours, no charge.
- (2) For inside storage of passenger vehicles, motorcycles, utility trailers and trucks up to three-quarter ton, twenty-five dollars (\$25 45.00) per day; ~~motorcycles, twenty dollars~~ (~~\$20.00~~) per day.
- (3) For outside storage of passenger vehicles, motorcycles, utility trailers and trucks up to three-quarter ton, twenty forty dollars (\$20 40.00) per day; ~~motorcycles, twenty dollars~~ (~~\$20.00~~) per day.

(4) No towed vehicle shall be stored or parked on any city street or alleyway on or about the towing operator's garage or parking lot for longer than ninety (90) minutes.

(5) A towing operator may charge an additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) when ~~required to release a vehicle between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and thirty~~ forty dollars (\$340.00) to release stored vehicles between 10:5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day).

(C) The towing of City owned vehicles shall be at the rate of fifty percent (50%) of the stated rates above.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON May 27, 2008

Michael J. Santillo

Robert Hart-Burns  
Robert Bly

F.V. Lee  
Adelmore

Ally Johnson  
Aldermen

NAYES 0 · NOT VOTING

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John J. Connor  
Edward J. Conroy

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Aldermen

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ATTEST:

Christina Yonny  
City Clerk

Thomas J. Weisner

Mayor Thomas J. Weisner

City of Aurora  
Law Department  
44 East Downer Place

## Proposed Tow Rates and Storage Fees

### Tow Charges

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	\$125.00
5:00 pm - 7:00 am	\$150.00
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays	\$150.00
After Business Hour Release Fee	\$ 50.00

### Storage Fees

Storage commences after the 25<sup>th</sup> hour  
Inside Storage

\$50.00 per day  
\$45.00 per day

Outside Storage

Response Time

30 minutes in city  
45 minutes Fox Valley

Required Liability  
Reclamation

5/7-601  
5/401-402

# Local Municipalities Towing Related Charges

Municipality	Tow Charge	Release After Hours	Storage in/out
State of Illinois	\$150	\$30	\$40/\$30
Oswego	\$110	\$25	\$40/\$30
Carol Stream	\$135	\$35	\$40/\$35
Winfield	\$125	\$35	\$35/\$30 - no charge for first 24 hours
West Chicago	\$125	\$50	\$50/\$35
Joliet	\$135	\$35	\$45/\$40
Naperville	\$125	\$40	\$25 - no charge for first 24 hours
St. Charles	\$100	\$25	\$30 - no charge for first 24 hours
Elgin	\$75	N/A	\$30
Rockford	\$75	N/A	\$20/\$15
Aurora Current	\$100 7am - 5 pm \$115 5pm - 10pm \$130 weekends, holidays & weekdays 10pm - 7am	\$15 5-10pm \$30 10-7am including weekends & holidays	\$25/\$20
Aurora Proposed	\$125 7am - 5 pm \$140 5pm - 7am \$140 weekends & holidays	\$40 After hours release 5pm - 7am including weekends and holidays.	\$45/\$40

\*Review ordinance every two years

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS  
RESOLUTION NO. R02-594  
DATE OF PASSAGE 12.10.02

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R98-46 REGARDING  
MAXIMUM TOW CHARGES AND STORAGE CHARGES**

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WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Aurora to amend the maximum tow fees charged by any towing operator in the City of Aurora, when removing a vehicle from the street in response to a police call, as well as the maximum storage charges for any such towed vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, that:

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- (1) For a tow of any passenger car, motorcycle, panel or truck loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton, one hundred seventy dollars (\$100.00) per call.
  - (2) Passenger car, panel or trucks loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton when hooked together by a tow bar, a flat fee of ninety-five sixty-five dollars (\$95.00) (~~\$65.00~~).
  - (3) Passenger car, panel or truck loaded or empty, up to and including one-half ton, coupled to utility trailer, a flat fee of ninety-five sixty-five dollars (\$95.00) (~~\$65.00~~).
  - (4) Passenger car, panel or truck up to and including three-quarters ton when coupled to a house trailer, a flat fee of one hundred and five seventy-five dollars (\$105.00) (~~\$75.00~~).
  - (5) Services when necessary to prepare vehicle for tow: panel truck, loaded to empty, over one-half ton; wrecker vehicle and one (1) man for seventy-five sixty-five dollars (\$75.00) (~~\$65.00~~) per hour.

(6) A towing operator who responds to a call but who is required to delay commencing the tow due to circumstances beyond his control shall be permitted to charge at the rate of seventy fifty-five dollars (\$70.00) (\$55-00) per hour per man for such waiting time for wrecker and one (1) man.

(7) A towing operator may charge an additional fee of fifteen (\$15.00) for towing which occurs between 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and thirty dollars (\$30.00) between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. daily and all day Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas)

(B) The storage charges for towed vehicles shall be as follows:

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(2) For inside storage of passenger vehicles, utility trailers and trucks up to three-quarter ton, twenty five dollars (\$25.00) (\$20-00) per day; motorcycles, twenty fifteen dollars (\$20.00) (\$15-00) per day.

(3) For outside storage of passenger vehicles, utility trailers and trucks up to three-quarter ton, twenty fifteen dollars (\$20.00) (\$15-00) per day; motorcycles, twenty fifteen (\$20.00) (\$15-00) per day.

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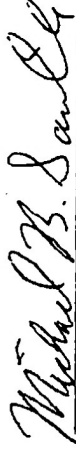
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(C) The towing of City owned vehicles shall be at the rate of fifty percent (50%) of the stated rates above.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council, of the City of Aurora, Illinois on

12.10.08




















# AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Phone (630) 859-1700 ★ Facsimile (630) 896-1187

**Chief of Police**

Gregory S. Thomas

**Deputy Chief of Police**

**Commanders**  
John T. DoBran  
Joseph J. Groom  
Michael R. Langston  
Daniel N. Hoffman  
Raymond W. Parks

To: Mayor Weisner  
From: Sergeant Scott Mantzke #410  
Date: 05/13/08  
Reference: Proposal of Tow Ordinance changes.

Mayor Weisner,

On behalf of the contracted tow companies of the Aurora Police Department, I am requesting amending the maximum tow and storage charges allowed. I am also requesting the contract with those companies be changed from 1 year to 2 years in duration.

The changes are being proposed due to the fact that it has been 5 ½ years (resolution R02-594 dated 12/10/02) since the last change. In considering the proposal, I took into account the rising fuel costs, as well as charges allowed by several surrounding communities.

With the list currently being 1 year in duration and virtually going unchanged from year to year, I am requesting the tow list be 2 years in duration. This will alleviate the traffic division going through the costly application and inspection process each and every year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SCOTT MANTZKE", with the number "410" written below it.

Sgt. Scott-Mantzke #410  
Aurora Police Department  
Traffic Division Supervisor

CC: Chief or Police Gregory S. Thomas

Commanders: John T. DoBran

Joseph J. Groom

Michael R. Langston

Daniel N. Hoffman

Raymond W. Parks

Assistant Chief of Staff Chuck Nelson

Corporation Counsel Alayne Weingartz



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**RECOMMENDATION**

TO: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FROM: THE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Government Operations Committee At Their Meeting On Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
Recommended **APPROVAL** – A Resolution Amending RO02-594, With Regard To Maximum Tow  
And Storage Charges In The City of Aurora.

VOTE: 3-0

Submitted By *Scheketa Hart-Burns*  
Alderman Scheketa Hart-Burns, Chairman

*Stephanie Kifowitz*  
Alderman Stephanie Kifowitz

*Juan Garza*  
Alderman Juany Garza

Alderman John "Whitey" Peters, Alternate,

Dated This 14th Day Of May, 2008.