

**ORDINANCE 2023-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, § 4-6.11, SCHEDULE OF RATES.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40:48-2, New Jersey municipalities may make, amend, and enforce ordinances they deem necessary and proper for the order and protection of persons and public health, safety, and welfare of the municipality and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised regarding the fees charged for towing by the Chief of Police based on the fact that the ordinance has not been updated since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, a review has been made of towing fees charged in surrounding jurisdictions and based upon those fees and the Chief of Police's recommendation, it has been determined to amend the Township Code, Chapter 4, General Licensing, § 4-6.11, Schedule of Rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township Code, Chapter 4, General Licensing, § 4.6.11, Schedule of Rates, subsections a. and c. are hereby amended as follows:

“a. Charges for the basic towing of vehicles within the limits of the Township by any authorized wrecker or towing operator shall not exceed \$125 for a daytime fee (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) and \$150 for a nighttime fee (4:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. weekends and New Jersey State Holidays). In addition, the wrecker or towing operator shall be permitted to charge \$1.75 for each mile the vehicle is towed within Township limits.”

“c. For any additional work beyond the basic towing service, the fees shall be as follows:

1. Recovery - Recovery is when a vehicle is off the roadway, or on the roadway overturned, or in any position other than normal towing position. Recovery charges are in addition to any towing charges. \$150 days, \$200 nights, weekends, and New Jersey State holidays.”

“6. Outside Storage Rates:

Private Passenger Automobile	\$40 per day
Trucks up to 24,000 lbs. GVWR	\$90 per day
Tractor Trailers	\$100 per day (Tractor)
Tractor Trailers	\$150 per day (Trailers)

Storage per day is per calendar day or any part thereof. A new business day is 12:01 a.m.”

**SECTION 2.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances of the Township of Chatham which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication.

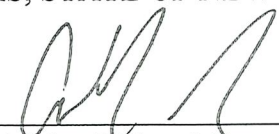
Introduced: May 23, 2023

Adopted: June 27, 2023

Attest:

  
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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY:   
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Ashley Felice, Mayor