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TO: Chief Keith Zgonc – Smyrna Police

FROM: Kelly Brown, Purchasing Manager

DATE: January 23, 2023

SUBJECT: **Recommendation – Renewal and Rate Increase for 22-026 Wrecker & Towing Services - Barrow Wrecker Service**

The City of Smyrna awarded Barrow Wrecker on March 21, 2022, as the exclusive contractor to recover disabled City of Smyrna vehicles and provide wrecker/towing/storage of disabled for motor vehicles in violation of city, county, state law or federal motor carrier safety violations. Currently the rates for vehicle owners who have their vehicle impounded or towed by City of Smyrna Police are charged differently than in other areas of the county. Barrow Wrecker has asked to have costs uniform throughout the county as administrative and other fees and costs specified in the contract have increased since original agreement was completed.

Proposed Fee Schedule 2023
Zone Wrecker Holders

A. Standard Wrecker

Vehicles / Trailers having a (G.V.W.R) Gross Vehicle Rating of 14,500 lbs. or less.

Light Vehicle Tow \$185 base charge

Operational Time \$185 per hour*

**Operational time fees will be assessed in 1/4 hour increments for time in excess of one hour on the scene.*

Any additional wreckers needed for this category at the scene will require the documented approval of the wrecker supervisor and will carry the rate that applies to the equipment used to complete the tow operation.

B. Heavy Wrecker

Vehicles / Trailers having a (G.V.W.R) Gross Vehicle Weight Rating in Excess of 14,500 lbs.

Heavy Vehicle Tow \$650 base charge

Operational Time \$650 per hour*

**Operational time fees will be assessed in 1/4 hour increments for time in excess of one hour on the scene.*

Any additional wreckers needed for this category at the scene will require the documented approval of the wrecker supervisor and will carry the rate that applies to the equipment used to complete the tow operation.

C. Specialized Equipment

Rotator Wrecker Recovery \$950 base charge
(Utilizing a rotating boom for commercial recovery operations only)
Operational Time \$950 per hour*

**Operational time fees will be assessed in ¼ hour increments for time in excess of one hour on the scene.*

Specialized equipment charges may be assessed, in lieu of or in conjunction with the Standard or Heavy wrecker fees, for recovery operations that require specialized equipment, based on equipment requirements to complete the tow operation. (i.e. If a tow operation requires both a heavy wrecker and a rotator wrecker to complete then both charges will apply; if only the rotator wrecker is required to complete the tow operation then only the specialized equipment charge will apply.)

Specialized equipment charges may be required for either light or heavy vehicle tows as determined by the zone wrecker supervisor.

D. Impounded Vehicles Towed to Police Headquarters or other County Locations for Processing:

All vehicles impounded by the Department of Public Safety and towed for processing, and afterward towed to the contractor's storage area, shall be charged only ONE basic tow fee.

E. Daily Storage Rates:

Storage fees may be charged at the rates below if the vehicle is not recovered by the owner within twenty-four (24) hours of the tow/impound:

1. Category A Vehicles \$40 per day
2. Category B Vehicles \$75 per day

F. Administrative Fees:

A one-time administrative fee of \$150 may be charged if the vehicle is not recovered by the owner within forty-eight (48) hours of the tow/impound.

G. Fuel Surcharge:

A fuel surcharge may be assessed based on the cost of fuel as determined by the weekly retail gas prices for the Lower Atlantic region posted by the US Department of Energy on the website www.eia.doe.gov.

No surcharge added when cost of fuel is less than \$3.00 per gallon
3% surcharge added when cost of fuel is \$3.00-\$4.00 per gallon
4% surcharge added when cost of fuel is \$4.00-\$5.00 per gallon
5% surcharge added when cost of fuel is more than \$5.00 per gallon
No Cap

It is the recommendation of Police and Purchasing to renew contract with Barrow Wrecker and update pricing for disabled and impounded vehicles within the city.