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Dan Saltzman Commissioner **Leah Treat** Director

Memorandum

DATE: February 14, 2018
TO: Permitted PPI Towers and All Interested Parties
FROM: Patrick Kramer, Towing Coordinator
RE: Proposed PPI Rate Increase

PBOT hired Synergy Resources Group (SRG) to conduct a thorough analysis of our towing rates. The results of that study show that Portland towing rates were behind most other comparable jurisdictions. SRG proposed a rate increase of 6.08% plus additional increases based on CPI for previous years. The Gate Fee was disproportionately lower, so SRG proposed a shift from \$25 to \$45. Even with this rate increase, Portland rates remain on the lower end in comparison to comparable cities. The chart below illustrates how the proposed PPI towing Class A (vehicles under 10k lbs GVW) rate changes for Portland compare to current rates in comparable jurisdictions.

Rate	Portland Current	Portland Proposed	Charlotte	Denver	Kansas City	Sacramento	Seattle
Base	\$168	\$196	\$133/hr	\$160max	\$225	\$118	\$186.84/hr
Mileage	\$20	\$25	N/A	\$19	\$25	N/A	N/A
Dollies	Included	Included	\$50.50	N/A	\$53	N/A	N/A
Storage	\$81	\$96	\$195	\$90	\$75	\$81	\$151.85
Gate Fee	\$24	\$45	\$65	\$66	\$50	N/A	\$100
Subtotal to Tow Company	\$293	\$362	\$443.50	\$335	\$428	\$199	\$438.69
Dispatch Fee	\$18	\$20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
City Fees	\$38	\$38	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$15
Total To Consumer	\$349	\$420	\$443.50	\$335	\$428	\$199	\$453.69

There will be a public meeting held to present the proposed changes:
Wednesday February 21, 2018
10:00am to 11:00am
Oregon Convention Center
Room F149
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd,
Portland, OR 97232

Enclosed: Proposed Update to Administrative Rule LIC 9.02-13
Proposed Private Impound Rate Increase 2018
Bureau of Labor and Statistics Data



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Charter, Code and Policies

LIC-9.03-13 - Fees for Private Property Impound Towing and Storage in the City of Portland

FEES FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY IMPOUND TOWING AND STORAGE IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Administrative Rule Adopted by ~~Revenue Bureau~~ Portland Bureau of Transportation

Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority ARB-LIC-9.03-13

The base fees charged for PPI towing within the city limits of Portland have been developed using the following formula:

The current City Tow Contract rate for hookup (Class A, B or C)

Plus, an allowance for signs minimum 5 signs

Plus, an allowance for sales costs, per tow

Plus, profit margin of 8.0%

= Base fee to tower

Basic fees for towing may not exceed:

Class A hookup fee

~~\$168.00~~ 196.00

(includes hookup, dollies, 30 minutes on scene,
tower's dispatch and photo fee.)

Class B hookup fee

~~\$176.00~~ 206.00

(includes hookup, dollies, driveline or axle pull, 30 minutes
on scene, tower's dispatch and photo fee.)

Class C hookup fee

~~\$340.00~~ 363.00 per hour

(port to port hourly fee includes hookup, driveline or
axle pull, tower's dispatch, mileage and photo fee)

Also applicable to all PPI tows:

Data services fee (payable to Tow Desk on redeemed vehicles)

~~\$18.00~~ 20.00

City of Portland service fee (payable to the City of Portland on
redeemed vehicles)

~~\$44.00~~ 38.00

The following fees may be added, as appropriate. PPI Tower must provide documentation to support such additional charges upon request.

Towed Mileage, as follows, up to a maximum of 8 miles:

Class A

~~\$4.00~~ 5.00/towed mile

Class B

~~\$4.80~~ 6.00/towed mile

Labor/Standby -time on-scene in excess of 30 minutes ~~\$19.00~~22.00 per 1/4 hr

When charging for standby time, the PPI tower must document such a charge by reporting to Tow Desk the time of arrival at, and departure from, the scene.

After hours release or gate fee ~~\$25.00~~45.00

Addition of this fee is allowed when a citizen requests access or release of a PPI towed vehicle outside of regular business hours: after 6:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. M-F; all day Saturday and Sunday; and on City holidays. Such a fee must be validated by documenting the date and time of the appointment on all copies of the tow invoice. If the tower arrives more than 30 minutes after the time agreed on for release of a citizen's vehicle, the tower may not charge a gate fee.

Release At Scene (RAS) –Includes hookup plus Data Service fee plus City Service fee.

This fee may be assessed only if:

- A. The required prior notification to Tow Desk has been carried out; and,
- B. The PPI tower has completed the hookup and attachment of all safety equipment, including tow lights, and is in the cab of the tow truck in full possession of the vehicle as defined in PCC 7.24.
- C. RAS fees must not exceed:

1. Class A (hookup fee + data services + city service)	\$195.00 <u>254.00</u>
2. Class B (hookup fee + data services + city service)	\$203.00 <u>264.00</u>
3. Class C (port to scene hourly + data services + city service)	\$337.00 <u>421.00</u>

Storage Fees:

Storage fee per 24 hour period from the completion of the tow ~~\$27.00~~32.00/day

(After a four-hour grace period, starting from notice of completion to Tow Desk)

Vehicles over 20' long ~~\$37.00~~43.00/day

(After a four-hour grace period, starting from notice of completion to Tow Desk)

Lien filing fee (Chargeable after a vehicle has been in storage 5 days)

Vehicles valued under \$1,000.00 ~~\$40.00~~47.00

Vehicles valued \$1,001.00 - \$2,500.00 ~~\$55.00~~64.00

Vehicles valued more than \$2,500.00 or out of state (not OR, WA) ~~\$85.00~~99.00

If a PPI tower incurs expenses substantially higher than the amount allowed for processing a lien, the tower may request permission to recoup the additional costs by sending a written request for approval to the Towing Coordinator, with receipts to verify the additional expense. Lien fees in excess of the established rate may not be assessed without prior approval by the Towing Coordinator.

Fuel Surcharge

When an emergency fuel surcharge is approved by the Towing Board of Review for towers under contract with the City of Portland, permitted PPI Towers will be eligible to request such an allowance on PPI tows. When approved, the emergency fuel surcharge will not exceed the amount approved by the Towing Board of Review.

Cost of Living Adjustment

After the first effective year of this rate schedule, when a Cost of Living Increase is approved by the Towing Board of Review for towers under contract with the City of Portland, permitted PPI Towers will be eligible to request an increase in PPI towing fees equal to the percentage of increase approved by the Board, as calculated using the CPI inflation calculator provided by the Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

Likewise, after the first effective year of this rate schedule when a Cost of Living Increase is approved by the Towing Board of Review for the dispatch contractor, the Tow Desk will be eligible to request an increase in the data service fee equal to the percentage of increase approved by the Board, as calculated using the CPI inflation calculator provided by the Federal Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

Approval of such an increase will be at the Bureau Director's sole discretion and is subject to the public hearing process detailed in PCC 7.24.

HISTORY

Originally adopted by Bureau of Licenses as Administrative Rule 015.03-1.

Submitted for inclusion in PPD April 23, 2004.

Revised document filed in PPD April 20, 2006.

Revised interim administrative rule adopted by Director of Revenue Bureau July 17, 2009.

Revised administrative rule adopted by Director of Revenue Bureau February 19, 2010.

Amended by Director of Revenue Bureau December 17, 2013.

Amended by Deputy Director of Revenue Bureau March 25, 2014.

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Proposed Private Property Impound Rate Increase 2018

Class A Under 10,000lbs GVW	2014 Rate	CPI Applied - Jan. 2015	2015 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2016	2016 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2017	2017 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2018	2018 Rate
	\$168.00	2.40%	\$172.03	1.2%	\$174.10	2.1%	\$177.75	4.2%	\$185.22
								Market Study	Adjusted Rate
								6.08%	\$196
								Total Increase:	\$28

Class B 10,001lbs to 20,000lbs GVW	2014 Rate	CPI Applied - Jan. 2015	2015 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2016	2016 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2017	2017 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2018	2018 Rate
	\$176.00	2.40%	\$180.22	1.2%	\$182.39	2.1%	\$186.22	4.2%	\$194.04
								Market Study	Adjusted Rate
								6.08%	\$206
								Total Increase:	\$30

Class C Over 20,000lbs GVW	2014 Rate	CPI Applied - Jan. 2015	2015 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2016	2016 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2017	2017 Rate	CPI Applied Jan. 2018	2018 Rate
	\$310.00	2.40%	\$317.44	1.2%	\$321.25	2.1%	\$328.00	4.2%	\$341.77
								Market Study	Adjusted Rate
								6.08%	\$363
								Total Increase:	\$53



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CPI-All Urban Consumers (Current Series)

Series Id: CUURA425SA0, CUUSA425SA0
Not Seasonally Adjusted
Series Title: All items in Portland-Salem, OR-WA, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted
Area: Portland-Salem, OR-WA
Item: All items
Base Period: 1982-84=100

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Year	Annual
2007	208,556
2008	215,389
2009	215,647
2010	218,344
2011	224,590
2012	229,779
2013	235,528
2014	241,215
2015	244,190
2016	249,426
2017	259,838

12-Month Percent Change

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Year	Annual
2007	3.7
2008	3.3
2009	0.1
2010	1.3
2011	2.9
2012	2.3
2013	2.5
2014	2.4
2015	1.2
2016	2.1
2017	4.2