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8 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 952, which relates to rulemaking authority; modifying source establishing certain rates; requiring requests for service to be rotated; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.1, which relates to maximum fees and charges; removing various rates and fees; removing requirement to provide certain documentation; removing certain weekly rate and fee adjustment requirement; removing certain fee mark-up allowance; requiring wreckers to provide certain list; requiring certain letterhead for list; requiring certain updates; disallowing exceedance of certain prices; listing price requirements of list; disallowing the use of certain equipment and personnel; requiring certain fees be reasonable; requiring fuel surcharge be based upon certain prices; allowing certain adjustment of fuel surcharge; disallowing certain deviation; authorizing collection of certain charges; requiring the posting of certain prices at place of business; requiring certain investigation for complaints; authorizing certain removal from rotation log; requiring maintenance of price list; requiring review of price list after opening complaint; authorizing certain review; requiring certain validity determination; requiring return of certain amount of collected monies; requiring bringing of charges after certain complaints are made; requiring certain appeal process; describing appeal process; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 953.2),

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which relates to fees charged for storage and release; modifying source establishing certain rates; modifying definitions; removing certain set rates; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 954A, which relates to abandoned motor vehicles; modifying source establishing certain rates; modifying responsible entity; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 955, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 955), which relates to towing vehicle from roadway; modifying source establishing certain rates; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 966, which relates to the Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011; modifying certain powers and authority of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; modifying source establishing certain rates; and providing an effective date.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 952, is amended to read as follows:

Section 952. A. Except for the rates established by the Corporation Commission and other provisions as provided for by law Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011, the Department of Public Safety shall have the power and authority necessary to license, supervise, govern and control wrecker vehicles and wrecker or towing services.

B. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt and prescribe such rules as are necessary to carry out the intent of Section 951 et seq. of this title.

The rules shall state the requirements for facilities, for storage of vehicles, necessary towing equipment, the records to be kept by operators, liability insurance and insurance covering the

vehicle and its contents while in storage in such sum and with such provisions as the Department deems necessary to adequately protect the interests of the public, and such other matters as the Department may prescribe for the protection of the public.

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Unless otherwise regulated by the governing body of the political subdivision, the wrecker vehicle used to perform wrecker or towing services requested by a political subdivision of this state for removal of a vehicle from public property for reasons listed in Section 955 of this title shall be from the licensed wrecker or towing service whose location is nearest to the vehicle to be towed. Requests for service may shall be alternated or rotated among all such licensed wrecker or towing services which are located within a reasonable radius of each other. In cities of less than fifty thousand (50,000) population, all such licensed wrecker or towing services located near or in the city limits of such cities shall be considered as being equal distance and shall be called on an equal basis as nearly as possible. The police chief of any municipality and the county sheriff of each county shall keep rotation logs on all requested tows, except where there are insufficient licensed wrecker or towing services available to rotate such services or services are contracted after a competitive bid process. Rotation logs shall be made available for public inspection upon request. Any calls made from cell phones or two-way radios by any law enforcement officer or employee of any

municipality or county to any wrecker service shall be listed on the
rotation or call logs and made available for public inspection. A
wrecker service shall not be removed from rotation without
notification to the wrecker operator stating the reason for removal
from the rotation log. All notification for removal from a rotation
log shall be mailed to the wrecker service owner at least ten (10)
days before removal from the rotation log and shall state the
procedure and requirements for reinstatement.

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- D. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the

 Department and any municipality, county or other political

 subdivision of this state shall not place any wrecker or towing

 service upon an official rotation log for the performance of

 services carried out pursuant to the request of or at the direction

 of any officer of the Department or municipality, county or

 political subdivision unless the service meets the following

 requirements:
 - 1. Principal business facilities are located within Oklahoma;
 - 2. Tow trucks are registered and licensed in Oklahoma; and
- 3. Owner is a resident of the State of Oklahoma or the service is an Oklahoma corporation.

In the event a licensed wrecker or towing service is not located within a county, a wrecker or towing service that is located outside of the county or this state and does not meet the above

qualifications may be placed on the rotation log for the county or any municipality or political subdivision located within the county.

When performing services at the request of any officer, no operator or wrecker or towing service upon the rotation logs shall charge fees in excess of the maximum rates for services performed within this state, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, as established by the Commission Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011.

- E. The Department shall place a licensed Class AA wrecker service on the Highway Patrol Rotation Log in a highway patrol troop district in which the place of business and the primary storage facility of the wrecker service are located upon written request filed by the wrecker service with the Department. Upon further request of the wrecker service, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Department employee with statewide responsibility for administration of wrecker services may place a wrecker service on the Highway Patrol Rotation Log in a district adjacent to the district in which the place of business and the primary storage facility of the wrecker service are located if the wrecker service is in proximity to and within a reasonable radius of the boundary of the district. When a wrecker service is placed on the rotation log in a district, the Department shall notify the wrecker service and the troop commander of the district.
- F. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Department employee with statewide responsibility for administration of wrecker services

shall be responsible for establishing geographical areas of rotation within the troop districts and for notifying each wrecker service of the geographical areas of rotation to which the service is assigned.

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- G. The Department shall make all rotation logs available for public inspection at the state office and shall make rotation logs for a highway patrol troop district available for public inspection at the district office.
- 8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.1, is 9 amended to read as follows:

Section 953.1 A. The rates established by the Corporation Commission Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011 shall determine the nonconsensual tow maximum fees and charges for wrecker or towing services performed in this state, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing service licensed by the Department of Public Safety when that service appears on the rotation log of the Department or on the rotation log of any municipality, county or other political subdivision of this state, and the services performed are at the request or at the direction of any officer of the Department or of a municipality, county, or political subdivision. No wrecker or towing service in the performance of transporting or storing vehicles or other property towed as a result of a nonconsensual tow shall charge any fee which exceeds the maximum rates established by the Commission this act. Such rates shall be in addition to any other rates, fees or charges

- authorized, allowed or required by law and costs to collect such
 fees. Any wrecker or towing service is authorized to collect from
 the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer accepting liability for
 paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total
 loss vehicle from the registered owner of any towed or stored
 vehicle, the fee required by Section 904 of this title including
 environmental remediation fees and services.
 - B. When wrecker or towing services are performed as provided in subsection A of this section:

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- 1. Each performance of a wrecker or towing service shall be recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as prescribed by rules of the Department and by order of the Oklahoma Corporation

 Commission;
- 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator who has provided or caused to be provided wrecker or towing services to require prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of any charges incurred for providing such services;
- 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator to charge a fee for the performance of any wrecker or towing services; and
- 4. The operator is authorized to collect all lawful fees from the owner, lienholder or agent or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner of the towed vehicle for the

performance of any and all such services and costs to collect such fees. An operator shall release the vehicle from storage upon authorization from the owner, agent or lienholder of the vehicle or, in the case of a total loss, the insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the vehicle or purchasing the vehicle where the vehicle is to be moved to an insurance pool yard for sale.

C. The rates in subsections D through G of this section shall be applicable until superseded by rates established by the Commission.

D. Distance rates.

1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the distance the towed vehicle is transported and shall include services of the operator of the wrecker vehicle. Hourly rates, as provided in subsection E of this section, may be applied in lieu of distance rates. Hourly rates may be applied from the time the wrecker vehicle is assigned to the service call until the time it is released from service either upon return to the premises of the wrecker or towing service or upon being assigned to perform another wrecker or towing service, whichever occurs first. When the hourly rate is applied in lieu of distance towing rates, the operator may not apply the two-hour minimum prescribed in subsection E of this section nor may hookup or mileage charges, as prescribed in this section, be applied.

1 Such distance rates shall be computed via the shortest highway 2 mileage as determined from the latest official Oklahoma Department of Transportation state highway map, except as follows: 3 4 for distances or portions of distances not 5 specifically provided for in the governing highway map, the actual mileage via the shortest practical 6 7 route will apply, b. in computing distances, fractions of a mile will be 8 9 retained until the final and full mileage is determined, at which time any remaining fraction shall 10 be increased to the next whole mile, 11 12 when, due to circumstances beyond the control of the 1.3 wrecker or towing service, roadway conditions make it 14 impractical to travel via the shortest route, distance 15 rates shall be computed based on the shortest practical route over which the wrecker vehicle and the 16 17 vehicle it is towing can be moved, which route shall 18 be noted on the bill or invoice, or 19 when the wrecker or towing service is performed upon d. 2.0 any turnpike or toll road, the turnpike or toll road 2.1 mileage shall be used to determine the distance rates 22 charged and the turnpike or toll road fees may be 23 added to the bill or invoice. 24 2. Maximum distance rates shall be as follows:

Weight of Towed Vehicle	Distance	Rate
(In pounds, including	Towed	Per
equipment and lading)		Mile
Single vehicle: 8,000 or less	25 miles or less	\$3.00
Single vehicle: 8,000 or less	Over 25 miles	\$2.50
Single vehicle: 8,001 to 12,000	25 miles or less	\$3.40
Single vehicle: 8,001 to 12,000	Over 25 miles	\$3.00
Single vehicle: 12,001 to 40,000	Any	\$5.75
Single vehicle: 40,000 or over	Any	\$6.75
Combination of vehicles	Any	\$6.75

E. Hourly Rates.

1. Rates in this subsection shall apply for the use of a wrecker vehicle and shall include services of the operator of such wrecker, except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection.

Rates shall apply for all wrecker or towing services performed that are not otherwise provided for in this section, including, but not limited to, waiting and standby time, but shall not include the first fifteen (15) minutes of service following the hookup of a vehicle when a hookup fee is assessed, as provided in subsection F of this section.

Hourly rates shall apply from the time the vehicle or labor is assigned to the service call until the time it is released from service either upon return to the premises of the wrecker or towing service or upon being assigned to perform another wrecker or towing

service, whichever occurs first. Whenever a wrecker vehicle is used to tow a vehicle subject to distance rates, as provided in subsection D of this section, hourly rates shall apply only for the time such wrecker is used in the performance of services other than transportation, except when such hourly rates are used in lieu of such distance rates.

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As used in this subsection, rates stated per hour apply for whole hours and, for fractions of an hour, rates stated per fifteen (15) minutes apply for each fifteen (15) minutes or fraction thereof over seven and one-half (7 1/2) minutes. However, if the service subject to an hourly rate is performed in less than two (2) hours, the charge applicable for two (2) hours may be assessed, except as provided for in subsection D of this section.

2. Maximum hourly rates for wrecker or towing services
performed for passenger vehicles, when rates for such services are
not otherwise provided for by law, shall be as follows:

(In pounds) Hour 15 Minutes Single vehicle: 8,000 or less \$60.00 \$15.00 Single vehicle: 8,001 to 24,000 \$80.00 \$20.00 Single vehicle: 24,001 to 44,000 \$120.00 \$30.00 Single vehicle: 44,001 or over \$180.00 \$45.00 Combination of vehicles \$180.00 \$45.00	Weight of Towed Passenger Vehicle	Rate Per	Rate Per
Single vehicle: 8,001 to 24,000 \$80.00 Single vehicle: 24,001 to 44,000 \$120.00 Single vehicle: 44,001 or over \$180.00	(In pounds)	Hour	15 Minutes
Single vehicle: 24,001 to 44,000 \$120.00 \$30.00 Single vehicle: 44,001 or over \$180.00 \$45.00	Single vehicle: 8,000 or less	\$60.00	\$15.00
Single vehicle: 44,001 or over \$180.00 \$45.00	Single vehicle: 8,001 to 24,000	\$80.00	\$20.00
	Single vehicle: 24,001 to 44,000	\$120.00	\$30.00
Combination of vehicles \$180.00 \$45.00	Single vehicle: 44,001 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00
	Combination of vehicles	\$180.00	\$45.00

1	3. Maximum hourly rates for a	ll other wrecker	or towing		
2	services, when rates for such other services are not otherwise				
3	provided for by law, shall be determined based upon the gross				
4	vehicle weight rating of each wrec	ker vehicle used	as follows:		
5	GVWR of Wrecker Vehicle	Rate Per	Rate Per		
6	(In pounds)	Hour	15 Minutes		
7	8,000 or less	\$60.00	\$15.00		
8	8,001 to 24,000	\$80.00	\$20.00		
9	24,001 to 44,000	\$120.00	\$30.00		
10	44,001 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00		
11	Combination wrecker vehicle				
12	with GVWR of 24,000 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00		
13	4. a. Maximum hourly rates	for extra labor	shall be Thirty		
14	Dollars (\$30.00) per	person per hour.			
15	b. Maximum hourly rates	for skilled or s	pecialized labor		
16	and/or equipment sha	ll be the actual	customary and		
17	ordinary rates charged for such labor and/or				
18	equipment. When skilled or specialized labor or				
19	equipment is required, the wrecker operator's cost for				
20	such skilled or specialized labor or equipment plus a				
21	twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup to cover				
22	overhead costs for such labor will be added to the				
23	invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to				
24	all other applicable charges.				

1	F. Hookup Rates.	
2	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the hookup of a	
3	vehicle to a wrecker vehicle when such hookup is performed in	
4	connection with a wrecker or towing service described in this	
5	section. Such hookup rate shall include the first fifteen (15)	
6	minutes of such service, for which there shall be no additional fe	æ
7	charged, but shall not include the use of a dolly or rollback	
8	equipment or a combination wrecker vehicle to accomplish such	
9	hookup, for which an additional fee may be charged as provided in	
10	subsection G of this section. Hookup shall include, but not be	
11	limited to, the attachment of a vehicle to or the loading of a	
12	vehicle onto a wrecker vehicle.	
13	2. Maximum hookup rates shall be as follows:	
14	Weight of Vehicle Being Hooked Up	
15	(In pounds, including equipment Rate	
16	and lading)	
17	Single vehicle: 8,000 or less \$65.00	
18	Single vehicle: 8,001 to 12,000 \$75.00	
19	Single vehicle: 12,001 to 24,000 \$85.00	
20	Single vehicle: 24,001 or over \$95.00	
21	Combination of vehicles \$95.00	
22	G. Additional Service Rates.	
23	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the performance of	<u>:</u>
24	the following services:	

1	a. the disconnection and reconnection of a towed					
2	vehicle's drive line when necessary to prevent					
3	mechanical damage to such vehicle,					
4	b. the rer	moval and repla	acement of a tow	ed vehicle's axle		
5	when no	ecessary to pro	event mechanical	damage to such		
6	vehicle	e, or				
7	e. the use	e of a dolly or	r rollback equip	ment when		
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9	vehicle	e or when neith	ner end of such	vehicle is capable		
10	of beir	ng towed safely	y while in conta	ct with the		
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12	2. Maximum addit	tional service	rates shall be	as follows:		
13	Weight of Towed	, i	Service Performe	d		
13 14	Weight of Towed Vehicle (In pounds,			Use of Dolly		
		Disconnect	Reconnect	Use of Dolly		
14	Vehicle (In pounds,	Disconnect Drive Line;	Reconnect	Use of Dolly or Rollback		
14 15	Vehicle (In pounds, including equipment	Disconnect Drive Line; Remove Axle	Reconnect Drive Line;	Use of Dolly or Rollback Equipment		
14 15 16	Vehicle (In pounds, including equipment	Disconnect Drive Line; Remove Axle	Reconnect Drive Line; Replace Axle	Use of Dolly or Rollback Equipment		
14151617	Vehicle (In pounds, including equipment and lading)	Disconnect Drive Line; Remove Axle Rate Pe	Reconnect Drive Line; Replace Axle er Service Perfo	Use of Dolly or Rollback Equipment rmed		
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Fees for which the operator is being reimbursed or having paid to a third party, shall include copies of the invoice or other appropriate documents to substantiate such payment to said third party.

- I. Wrecker fees, including maximum distance, hourly, and hookup rates shall be adjusted weekly by adding a fuel surcharge as provided in this section. The fuel surcharge shall be based on the Department of Energy "weekly retail on highway diesel prices" for the "Midwest region" using Two Dollars (\$2.00) per gallon as the base price with no fees added. The wrecker fees shall be adjusted to allow a one-percent increase in fees for every ten-cent increase in fuel cost starting at Two Dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) per gallon.
- J. When skilled or specialized labor or equipment is required, the cost incurred by the wrecker operator for such skilled or specialized labor or equipment plus an additional twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup or gross profit margin shall be allowed to cover overhead costs for such labor and will be added to the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable charges. This applies to labor and equipment not regulated by the Commission.
- C. Wrecker or towing service companies shall provide the

 Commission a complete list of all prices for the services it

 performs or may perform related to the towing and storage of any

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   vehicle that is deemed a nonconsensual tow. The list shall be on
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   the letterhead of the wrecker or towing service company. The
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   wrecker or towing service company shall be responsible for updating
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   the list when prices change by submitting a new price list which
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   contains the date when new prices will take effect. The wrecker or
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   towing service company shall not exceed the prices on file with the
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   Commission for a nonconsensual tow. All prices provided to the
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   Commission may be provided to citizens needing a wrecker or towing
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   service. The list of prices provided to the Commission shall
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Indoor storage rates;

include, but may not be limited to:

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- Outdoor storage rates;
 - 3. Wrecker or wrecker vehicle rates;
- 4. Additional labor rates;
 - 5. Specialized equipment rates; and
- 6. After-hours release rates.
- D. Rates and Charges Requirements.
- 1. A wrecker or towing service company receiving calls from the

 Department shall not charge fees in excess of those provided in

 writing by the wrecker or towing service company to the Commission,

 nor shall said company charge for the use of equipment and/or

 personnel not reasonably necessary to perform the requested services

 in a timely and professional manner.

2. Storage fees shall be reasonable, as determined by fees charged by other wrecker or towing service companies in the same geographic area. A list of fees shall be given to the Commission in accordance with subsection C of this section. Consumer charges shall not deviate from the list provided.

- 3. Fuel surcharge shall be based on the Department of Energy
 "weekly retail on-highway diesel prices" for the Midwest region
 using Two Dollars (\$2.00) per gallon as base price with no fees
 added. The fuel surcharge fee shall be adjusted to allow a onepercent (1%) increase in fuel cost starting at Two Dollars and ten
 cents (\$2.10) per gallon.
- 4. Any wrecker or towing service company that subcontracts for the utilization of additional skilled or specialized labor, equipment, or a wrecker vehicle that is for the purpose of a nonconsensual tow, the cost incurred by the wrecker or towing service company for such skilled or specialized labor, equipment, or wrecker vehicle plus an additional twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup or gross profit margin shall be allowed to cover overhead costs for such labor and will be added to the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable charges.
- 5. Wrecker or towing service companies shall post at their place of business a list of all prices for the standard services it

performs or may perform related to the towing and storage of any vehicle that is deemed a nonconsensual tow.

- 6. Whenever complaints are received by the Commission concerning the services provided or fees charged for towing and related services that are requested through the Department, the complaint shall be investigated to determine its validity and if any action is warranted against the wrecker or towing service company.
- 7. Any wrecker or towing services company found to have exceeded the prices provided to the Commission, using unnecessary services to increase its fee, or engaging in unethical business practices shall be subject to removal from the towing rotation log by the troop commander. Wrecker or towing service companies shall maintain a current price list, on its letterhead, of all charges for equipment and services at the respective troop headquarters in accordance with subsection C of this section.
- E. Complaint against wrecker or towing service company and removal grounds.
- 1. If the Commission opens a complaint, it shall review the current price list provided to the Commission by the wrecker or towing service company in question, and determine whether fees charged for a nonconsensual tow have been exceeded.
- 2. If fees charged for a nonconsensual tow do not exceed the current price list provided to the Commission, the Commission may review fees charged with those lists of prices provided to the

1 Commission by other licensed wrecker and towing service companies 2 that are located in the same geographic area. If the fees charged by the wrecker and towing service company that are being reviewed by 3 4 the Commission, due to a complaint, exceed by more than fifty 5 percent (50%) of the current listed price of service or equipment of 6 other licensed wrecker or towing service companies in the same 7 geographic area, the Commission shall determine the complaint as 8 valid and prohibit said wrecker or towing service company from 9 collecting any payments that exceed the fifty-percent threshold 10 mentioned in this paragraph. If a wrecker or towing service company 11 has already collected monies exceeding the fifty-percent threshold, 12 the wrecker or towing service company shall be required to return 13 all amounts exceeding the fifty-percent threshold mentioned in this 14 paragraph.

- 3. The Commission shall only bring a charge against a wrecker or towing service company for rates charged or equipment utilized if a complaint has been filed with the Commission by a third party such as the:
 - a. owner or lien holder of the vehicle, or
 - b. insurer of the vehicle.

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- F. Wrecker and Towing Service Company Complaints Against the Commission.
- 1. In those instances where a wrecker or towing service company on a rotation log has a complaint against the Commission due to an

order regarding a complaint, the wrecker or towing service company

shall be provided a process by which an appeal may be made regarding

inappropriate fees charged for a service or utilization of equipment

related to a nonconsensual tow, and/or the removal of said wrecker

or towing service company from the rotation log.

2. The Commission shall allow the wrecker or towing service company to appeal an order by submitting supporting documentation.

Once supporting documentation has been provided, the Commission shall make a determination of whether the Commission's order against the wrecker or towing service company stands, or if the supporting documentation shows the Commission erred in its order against the wrecker or towing service company. If the Commission errs regarding its order against a wrecker or towing service company, said company shall be entitled to collect any monies prohibited by the Commission, be included on the towing rotation log, as well as be refunded any fines or penalties levied against the wrecker or towing service company by the Commission.

K. G. Wrecker operators shall be allowed to obtain ownership and insurer information, including accident reports and other public records, from the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission or other states' motor vehicle agencies or from law enforcement agencies for the purpose of determining ownership and responsibility for wrecker fees. In the event a state of origin is not known, the Department of Public Safety and the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission shall

assist in providing such information. The wrecker operator is
authorized to collect lawful fees for such costs and services from
the owner, lienholder that seeks possession of a vehicle under a
security interest, agent, or insurer accepting liability for paying
the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss
vehicle from the owner of any towed or stored vehicle.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.2, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 316, O.S.L. 2023 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 953.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 953.2 A. The rates established by order of the Corporation Commission the Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011 shall determine the maximum fees and charges for the storage and afterhours release of nonconsensual towed vehicles, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing service licensed by the Department of Public Safety and repair facilities as defined in Section 953 of Title 15 of the Oklahoma Statutes. No wrecker or towing service or repair facilities shall charge any fee for nonconsensual towed vehicles and storage which exceeds the maximum rates established by the Commission

Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011. Such rates shall be in addition to any other rates, fees or charges authorized, allowed or required by law, including environmental remediation fees and services.

B. 1. Storage or after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or both, provided by a wrecker or towing service or by a repair

facility shall be recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as prescribed by rules of the Department.

- 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator or repair facility who has provided or caused to be provided storage or after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or both, to require prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of any charges incurred for providing such services.
- 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator or repair facility to charge a fee for the storage or after-hours release, or both, of any towed vehicle.
- 4. The operator or repair facility is authorized to collect all lawful fees in acceptable forms of payment such as through check, credit card, automated clearing house transfer, or debit card from the owner, lienholder or agent of the towed vehicle or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner for the performance of any and all such services. An operator or repair facility shall make the towed vehicle available for inspection by the owner, lien holder, agent of the towed vehicle, or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle and shall release the vehicle from storage upon authorization from the owner, agent or lienholder of the vehicle or in the case of a total loss, the insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the vehicle

Τ	or purchasing the vehicle where the vehicle is to be moved to an				
2	insurance pool yard for sale.				
3	C. The rates in subsections D through F of this section shall				
4	be applicable until superseded by rates established by the				
5	Commission.				
6	D. Outdoor Storage Rates.				
7	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the outdoor storage				
8	of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed				
9	vehicle is brought onto the outdoor storage facility premises.				
10	Rates shall apply to each calendar day of outdoor storage; provided,	_			
11	the maximum twenty-four-hour fee, as provided for in this section,				
12	may be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion				
13	of a twenty-four-hour period.				
14	2. Maximum outdoor storage rates shall be as follows:				
15	Rate per Each				
16	24-hour Period o	-			
17	Type of Towed Vehicle Portion Thereof				
18	Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile,				
19	or light truck up to 20 feet in length \$15.00				
20	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles				
21	over 20 feet in length but less than 30				
22	feet in length \$20.00				
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1	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles				
2	over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet				
3	in width \$25.00				
4	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles				
5	over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet				
6	in width \$35.00				
7	E. Indoor Storage Rates.				
8	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the indoor storage				
9	of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed				
10	vehicle is brought into the indoor storage facility premises. Rates				
11	shall apply to each calendar day of indoor storage; provided, the				
12	maximum twenty-four-hour fee, as provided for in this section, may				
13	be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion of a				
14	twenty-four-hour period.				
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15	2. Maximum indoor storage rates shall be as follows:				
16	2. Maximum indoor storage rates shall be as follows: Rate per Each				
16	Rate per Each				
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16 17 18	Rate per Each 24-hour Period or Type of Towed Vehicle Portion Thereof				
16171819	Rate per Each 24-hour Period or Type of Towed Vehicle Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile,				
16 17 18 19 20	Rate per Each 24-hour Period or Type of Towed Vehicle Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile, or light truck up to 20 feet in length \$25.00				
16 17 18 19 20 21	Rate per Each 24-hour Period or Type of Towed Vehicle Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile, or light truck up to 20 feet in length Single vehicle or combination of vehicles				

1	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles
2	over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet
3	in width \$35.00
4	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles
5	over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet
6	in width \$45.00
7	3. For purposes of this subsection, "indoor storage" means the
8	vehicle is kept in an enclosed facility.
9	F. After-Hours Release Rate.
10	1. The rate in this subsection shall apply to the release of a
11	towed vehicle to the owner, lienholder, or agent when such release
12	occurs at a time other than normal business hours.
13	2. As used in this subsection:
14	a. "after-hours
15	1. "After-hours release rate" shall mean the rate charged for
16	the release of a towed vehicle between the hours of midnight and
17	8:00 a.m., or between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight Monday
18	through Friday, or any time on Saturday, Sunday or a national
19	holiday _{r;} and
20	b. "national
21	2. "National holiday" shall mean New Year's Day, Martin Luther
22	King Day, George Washington's Birthday, on the third Monday in
23	February, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day,
24	Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day any holiday observed for which

federal or Oklahoma State Offices are closed, and shall further include the Friday before such national holiday which falls on a Saturday and the Monday following such national holiday which falls on a Sunday.

3. The maximum after-hours release rate shall be Fifteen

Dollars (\$15.00) per quarter hour for the release of any single vehicle or combination of vehicles.

G. D. An operator or repair facility shall be required to provide reasonable documentation to substantiate all lawful fees charged to the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the towed vehicle or purchasing the towed vehicle. Fees for which the operator or repair facility is being reimbursed, or having paid to a third party, shall include copies of the invoice or other appropriate documents to substantiate the payment to the third party.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 954A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 954A. A. In addition to any procedure provided by local ordinance, whenever the owner or legal possessor of real property or an authorized agent has reasonable cause to believe that a vehicle has been abandoned thereon, said vehicle having been on said property for a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours, or whenever a vehicle is left upon said real property without express or implied permission, such vehicle may be removed as provided in this section.

B. 1. The owner, legal possessor or authorized agent may request any licensed Class AA wrecker service within the county wherein the real property is located to remove the abandoned vehicle from the premises by signing a Tow Request and Authorization Form prescribed by the Department of Public Safety and furnished to licensed Class AA wrecker service operators as hereinafter provided.

- 2. If the owner, legal possessor or authorized agent of the property owner is unable to obtain the services of a licensed Class AA wrecker service to remove the abandoned vehicle in a reasonable amount of time, the owner, legal possessor or authorized agent may contact and request that a licensed Class AA wrecker service from an adjacent county perform the service. A notation shall be made on the Tow Request and Authorization Form that a licensed Class AA wrecker service in the county in which the real property is located was contacted but the licensed Class AA wrecker service was not able to perform the removal in a reasonable amount of time.
- C. A licensed Class AA wrecker service removing an abandoned vehicle pursuant to this section shall be subject to the maximum rates established by the Corporation Commission Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011.
- D. The Department shall design and promulgate a suitable Tow Request and Authorization Form containing space for the following information:

- A description of the vehicle, including the type of vehicle,
 year of manufacture, name of the manufacturer, vehicle color or
 colors, identification number and license tag number;
- 2. The name, address and business telephone number of the licensed Class AA wrecker service;
- 3. The name, address, telephone number and driver license number or state-issued identification card number of the real property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent;
- 4. Inventory of personal property within the vehicle to be towed;
 - 5. Time and date the form is completed; and

6. Signatures of the driver of the wrecker vehicle and of the owner, legal possessor or authorized agent of the real property.

The Department or the Commission may require additional information on the Tow Request and Authorization Form. The driver license number or state-issued identification card number of the real property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent shall not be disclosed by the Department or the Commission to any entity inquiring about services performed without a court order or without written consent from the property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent.

E. The real property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent and the wrecker vehicle driver shall jointly, and each in the presence of the other, inventory personal property found within or

upon the vehicle and each shall accordingly sign a statement on the form reflecting this requirement has been fulfilled. In the event an inventory cannot be completed, the reasons therefor shall be clearly stated on the form.

- F. A copy of the completed Tow Request and Authorization Form shall be retained by the signatories and the licensed Class AA wrecker service shall maintain the wrecker vehicle driver's copy for not less than one (1) year, or longer if required by the Department or the Commission. The licensed Class AA wrecker service shall forthwith send the completed original Tow Request and Authorization Form to the Department and the remaining copy of the completed form to the local police department of the municipality in which the real property is located, or the sheriff's office of the county from which the vehicle was towed, if the real property is located outside of an incorporated municipality. A facsimile copy of the Tow Request and Authorization Form shall be considered the original form if a printed or digital confirmation of the facsimile transmission is available.
- G. Within three (3) business days of the time indicated on the form, the licensed Class AA wrecker service shall request the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission or other appropriate motor license agent licensed operator to furnish the name and address of the current owner of and any lienholder upon the vehicle. The Tax Commission Service Oklahoma or appropriate motor license agent

licensed operator shall respond in person or by certified mail to the licensed Class AA wrecker service within five (5) business days from the receipt of the request for information. The Department and the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission shall render assistance to ascertain ownership, if needed. The licensed Class AA wrecker service shall, within seven (7) days from receipt of the requested information from the Service Oklahoma Tax Commission or other motor license agent licensed operator, send a notice of the location of the vehicle by certified mail, or if by Department notification, the Department may notify by first-class mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses furnished, to the owner and any lienholder of the vehicle. The owner or lienholder may regain possession of the vehicle in accordance with rules of the Department upon payment of the licensed Class AA wrecker services, costs of certified mailing and the reasonable cost of towing and storage of the vehicle. If the licensed Class AA wrecker service has not complied with the notification procedures required by this subsection, the owner or lienholder shall not be required to pay for storage of the vehicle.

H. No licensed Class AA wrecker service or operator of a licensed Class AA wrecker service shall tow or cause to be towed a vehicle pursuant to this section until the form furnished by the Department has been appropriately completed by the parties as required by rules of the Department.

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SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 955, as
amended by Section 12, Chapter 228, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023,
Section 955), is amended to read as follows:

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Section 955. A. Any officer of the Department of Public Safety or any other political subdivision of this state is hereby authorized to cause to be towed any vehicle found upon public roads, highways, streets, turnpikes, private parking lots accessible to the public, other public places or upon any private road, street, alley or lane which provides access to one or more single-family or multifamily dwellings when:

- 1. A report has been made that the vehicle has been stolen or taken without the consent of its owner;
- 2. The officer has reason to believe the vehicle has been abandoned as defined in Sections 901 and 902 of this title;
- 3. The person driving or in control of the vehicle is arrested for an alleged offense for which the officer is required by law to take the person arrested or summoned before a proper magistrate without unnecessary delay;
- 4. At the scene of an accident, if the owner or driver is not in a position to take charge of the vehicle and direct or request its proper removal;
- 5. The officer has probable cause that the person operating the vehicle has not been granted driving privileges or that the driving

privileges of the person are currently suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or disqualified;

- 6. The officer has probable cause that the vehicle has been used in the commission of a felony offense and the officer has obtained a search warrant authorizing the search and seizure of the vehicle;
- 7. The officer has probable cause that the vehicle is not insured as required by the Compulsory Insurance Law of this state;
- 8. The vehicle is involved in a fatal motor vehicle collision and is needed for evidentiary purposes; or
- 9. A vehicle is left unattended upon any street, sidewalk, alley or thoroughfare and constitutes a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of public transit along a rail fixed guideway. An unattended vehicle shall be deemed to constitute an obstruction if any portion of the vehicle remains in that lane utilized for the rail fixed guideway as designated by traffic lane markings or if any portion of the vehicle is outside of the designated parking location and protrudes into the lane of traffic utilized for the rail fixed guideway. For purposes of this paragraph, the head of a political subdivision's transportation division may authorize employees to cause to be towed any vehicle which constitutes a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of public transit along a rail fixed guideway.

No vehicle shall be released after impoundment unless the owner provides to the storing facility proof of valid insurance or an affidavit of nonuse on the roadway, or in the event of a release request from an insurer or the representative of the insurer who has accepted liability for the vehicle, no such proof of insurance or affidavit of nonuse on the roadway shall be required.

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- B. A licensed wrecker operator is not liable for damage to a vehicle, vessel, or cargo that obstructs the normal movement of traffic or creates a hazard to traffic and is removed in compliance with the request of a law enforcement officer, unless there is failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of the act or for conduct that is willful or malicious.
- C. Each officer of the Department shall use the services of the licensed wrecker operator whose location is nearest to the vehicle to be towed in all instances in subsection A of this section. The requests for services may be alternated or rotated among all licensed wrecker operators who are located within a reasonable radius of each other. In like manner, the officer shall advise any person requesting information as to the availability of a wrecker or towing service, the name of the nearest licensed wrecker operator, giving equal consideration to all licensed wrecker operators located within a reasonable radius of each other. In cities of less than fifty thousand (50,000) population, all licensed wrecker operators located near or in the city limits of such cities shall be

considered as being equal distance and shall be called on an equal basis as nearly as possible. In counties bordering other states, if the officer deems safety and time considerations warrant, the officer may call a wrecker or towing service that is not on the rotation log.

- D. Any officer of the Department who has been requested by a person in need of wrecker or towing service to call a specific wrecker or towing service for such person, and who calls a different wrecker or towing service other than the one requested, without the consent of the person, except where hazardous conditions exist, shall be subject to progressive discipline issued by the Department except in instances where a vehicle is removed from the roadway under the authority of paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of subsection A of this section.
- E. Operators conducting a tow under this section shall release all personal property within the vehicle to an insurer or representative of the insurer who has accepted liability for the vehicle, or to the registered owner or the owner's personal representative as designated by the registered owner on a form approved by the Department. The registered owner or representative of the registered owner shall provide proof of identity in accordance with the Department's rules related to establishing identity. Upon the release of personal property to an insurer or representative of the insurer, wrecker operators shall be exempt

from all liability and shall be held harmless for any losses or claims of loss. Personal property shall include everything in a vehicle except the vehicle, the attached or installed equipment, vehicle keys or devices to start and unlock the vehicle, and the spare tire and tools to change the tire. Interlock devices may be removed pursuant to Section 11-902a of this title. If release of personal property occurs during normal business hours as prescribed by the Corporation Commission Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011, it shall be at no cost to the registered owner or the owner prior to the repossession. After-hour fees may be assessed as prescribed by this Chapter or by the Corporation Commission act, when the release of property is made after the prescribed normal business hours.

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- F. The operator of a wrecker or towing service may request a person offering proof of ownership of personal property and any interlock device to execute a form provided by the operator exempting the operator from liability for such release.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 966, is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 966. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011".
 - B. The provisions of this act shall apply to every wrecker operating within the State of Oklahoma removing and storing vehicles from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property as a result of a nonconsensual tow.

C. The Oklahoma Corporation Commission, by Commission order, shall have the power and authority necessary:

1. To establish wrecker rates for the transportation and storage of motor vehicles removed due to a nonconsensual tow from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property;

2. To supervise and enforce such rates; and

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- $\frac{3.\ \ \, \text{To}\,\,}{\text{to}}$ mediate and adjudicate complaints that may arise from charges assessed as a result of such vehicle removal.
- D. Rates as specified in Sections 953.1 and 953.2 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall remain in effect until rates are established by order of the Commission.
- E. Rates established by the Commission shall be fair and reasonable.
- F. The Commission may assess fines or other penalties to any wrecker or towing service for failure to comply with prescribed rates as established by the Commission Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011, failure to pay a levied assessment or comply with any applicable order of the Commission. Repeat violations by a wrecker or towing service are cause for revocation of its license issued by the Department of Public Safety.
- $\frac{\text{C. E.}}{\text{E.}}$ The Department shall cooperate with the Commission to implement this act and may enter into agreements to facilitate this act.

1	SECTION 7.	This act	shall beco	me effective	November	1, 2024.
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