

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 161002)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Service and Other Businesses,” by amending Section 9-605, entitled “Towing,” to clarify requirements for application of the rotational tow system, and by adding penalties, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 9-605 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9-600. SERVICE AND OTHER BUSINESSES

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§ 9-605. Towing.

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(4) Rotation method of tow truck selection.

(a) No person shall engage in towing from the scene of an accident *where police have been dispatched or otherwise respond to the scene of the accident* or with respect to a disabled vehicle [that is either impeding traffic or] on the shoulder of a limited access highway unless that person has either been selected through operation of the rotational system established under this subsection, or has been selected or permitted to perform such tow from a state highway by the State Police.

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(14) Enforcement.

(a) The Enforcement Agency or the Police Department may impound any unlicensed tow truck. *In addition, the Police Department may impound a tow truck if its driver refuses a lawful order of a police officer at an accident scene and tows or attempts to tow a vehicle from such accident scene in violation of § 9-605(4)(a) and the police officer’s order.* The owner may reclaim any impounded vehicle upon the payment

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of a five hundred (500) dollars impoundment fee. Such impoundment fee shall be in addition to any fines or civil penalties set forth in this Section.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 8, 2016. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on December 20, 2016.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council