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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 952, which relates to rulemaking authority; modifying source establishing certain rates; 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 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; disallowing certain deviation; authorizing collection of certain charges; 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), which relates to fees charged for storage and release; modifying source establishing certain rates; removing certain set rates; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 954A, which relates to abandoned motor vehicles; modifying source establishing certain rates; 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

1 source establishing certain rates; amending 47 O.S.
2 2021, Section 966, which relates to the Nonconsensual
3 Towing Act of 2011; modifying certain powers and
4 authority of the Corporation Commission; modifying
5 source establishing certain rates; and providing an
6 effective date.

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

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

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

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

18 The rules shall state the requirements for facilities, for
19 storage of vehicles, necessary towing equipment, the records to be
20 kept by operators, liability insurance and insurance covering the
21 vehicle and its contents while in storage in such sum and with such
22 provisions as the Department deems necessary to adequately protect
23 the interests of the public, and such other matters as the
24 Department may prescribe for the protection of the public.

1 C. Unless otherwise regulated by the governing body of the
2 political subdivision, the wrecker vehicle used to perform wrecker
3 or towing services requested by a political subdivision of this
4 state for removal of a vehicle from public property for reasons
5 listed in Section 955 of this title shall be from the licensed
6 wrecker or towing service whose location is nearest to the vehicle
7 to be towed. Requests for service may be alternated or rotated
8 among all such licensed wrecker or towing services which are located
9 within a reasonable radius of each other. In cities of less than
10 fifty thousand (50,000) population, all such licensed wrecker or
11 towing services located near or in the city limits of such cities
12 shall be considered as being equal distance and shall be called on
13 an equal basis as nearly as possible. The police chief of any
14 municipality and the county sheriff of each county shall keep
15 rotation logs on all requested tows, except where there are
16 insufficient licensed wrecker or towing services available to rotate
17 such services or services are contracted after a competitive bid
18 process. Rotation logs shall be made available for public
19 inspection upon request. Any calls made from cell phones or two-way
20 radios by any law enforcement officer or employee of any
21 municipality or county to any wrecker service shall be listed on the
22 rotation or call logs and made available for public inspection. A
23 wrecker service shall not be removed from rotation without
24 notification to the wrecker operator stating the reason for removal

1 from the rotation log. All notification for removal from a rotation
2 log shall be mailed to the wrecker service owner at least ten (10)
3 days before removal from the rotation log and shall state the
4 procedure and requirements for reinstatement.

5 D. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
6 Department and any municipality, county or other political
7 subdivision of this state shall not place any wrecker or towing
8 service upon an official rotation log for the performance of
9 services carried out pursuant to the request of or at the direction
10 of any officer of the Department or municipality, county or
11 political subdivision unless the service meets the following
12 requirements:

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

17 In the event a licensed wrecker or towing service is not located
18 within a county, a wrecker or towing service that is located outside
19 of the county or this state and does not meet the above
20 qualifications may be placed on the rotation log for the county or
21 any municipality or political subdivision located within the county.

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

3 E. The Department shall place a licensed Class AA wrecker
4 service on the Highway Patrol Rotation Log in a highway patrol troop
5 district in which the place of business and the primary storage
6 facility of the wrecker service are located upon written request
7 filed by the wrecker service with the Department. Upon further
8 request of the wrecker service, the Commissioner of Public Safety or
9 the Department employee with statewide responsibility for
10 administration of wrecker services may place a wrecker service on
11 the Highway Patrol Rotation Log in a district adjacent to the
12 district in which the place of business and the primary storage
13 facility of the wrecker service are located if the wrecker service
14 is in proximity to and within a reasonable radius of the boundary of
15 the district. When a wrecker service is placed on the rotation log
16 in a district, the Department shall notify the wrecker service and
17 the troop commander of the district.

18 F. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Department employee
19 with statewide responsibility for administration of wrecker services
20 shall be responsible for establishing geographical areas of rotation
21 within the troop districts and for notifying each wrecker service of
22 the geographical areas of rotation to which the service is assigned.

23 G. The Department shall make all rotation logs available for
24 public inspection at the state office and shall make rotation logs
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1 for a highway patrol troop district available for public inspection
2 at the district office.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 953.1, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 953.1 A. The rates established by the ~~Corporation~~
6 ~~Commission~~ Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011 shall determine the
7 nonconsensual tow maximum fees and charges for wrecker or towing
8 services performed in this state, including incorporated and
9 unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing service licensed by the
10 Department of Public Safety when that service appears on the
11 rotation log of the Department or on the rotation log of any
12 municipality, county or other political subdivision of this state,
13 and the services performed are at the request or at the direction of
14 any officer of the Department or of a municipality, county, or
15 political subdivision. No wrecker or towing service in the
16 performance of transporting or storing vehicles or other property
17 towed as a result of a nonconsensual tow shall charge any fee which
18 exceeds the maximum rates established by ~~the Commission~~ this act.
19 Such rates shall be in addition to any other rates, fees or charges
20 authorized, allowed or required by law and costs to collect such
21 fees. Any wrecker or towing service is authorized to collect from
22 the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer accepting liability for
23 paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total
24 loss vehicle from the registered owner of any towed or stored
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1 vehicle, the fee required by Section 904 of this title including
2 environmental remediation fees and services.

3 B. When wrecker or towing services are performed as provided in
4 subsection A of this section:

5 1. Each performance of a wrecker or towing service shall be
6 recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as prescribed by rules
7 of the Department and by order of the Commission;

8 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator who has
9 provided or caused to be provided wrecker or towing services to
10 require prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of
11 any charges incurred for providing such services;

12 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator
13 to charge a fee for the performance of any wrecker or towing
14 services; and

15 4. The operator is authorized to collect all lawful fees from
16 the owner, lienholder or agent or insurer accepting liability for
17 paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing the vehicle as a total
18 loss vehicle from the registered owner of the towed vehicle for the
19 performance of any and all such services and costs to collect such
20 fees. An operator shall release the vehicle from storage upon
21 authorization from the owner, agent or lienholder of the vehicle or,
22 in the case of a total loss, the insurer accepting liability for
23 paying the claim for the vehicle or purchasing the vehicle where the
24 vehicle is to be moved to an insurance pool yard for sale.

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

4 ~~D. Distance rates.~~

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

18 ~~Such distance rates shall be computed via the shortest highway~~
19 ~~mileage as determined from the latest official Oklahoma Department~~
20 ~~of Transportation state highway map, except as follows:~~

21 ~~a. for distances or portions of distances not~~
22 ~~specifically provided for in the governing highway~~
23 ~~map, the actual mileage via the shortest practical~~
24 ~~route will apply,~~

- b. ~~in computing distances, fractions of a mile will be retained until the final and full mileage is determined, at which time any remaining fraction shall be increased to the next whole mile,~~
- c. ~~when, due to circumstances beyond the control of the wrecker or towing service, roadway conditions make it impractical to travel via the shortest route, distance rates shall be computed based on the shortest practical route over which the wrecker vehicle and the vehicle it is towing can be moved, which route shall be noted on the bill or invoice, or~~
- d. ~~when the wrecker or towing service is performed upon any turnpike or toll road, the turnpike or toll road mileage shall be used to determine the distance rates charged and the turnpike or toll road fees may be added to the bill or invoice.~~

~~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.~~

~~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:~~

Weight of Towed Passenger Vehicle	Rate Per	Rate Per
(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

~~3. Maximum hourly rates for all other wrecker or towing services, when rates for such other services are not otherwise provided for by law, shall be determined based upon the gross vehicle weight rating of each wrecker vehicle used as follows:~~

GVWR of Wrecker Vehicle	Rate Per	Rate Per
(In pounds)	Hour	15 Minutes
8,000 or less	\$60.00	\$15.00

8,001 to 24,000	\$80.00	\$20.00
24,001 to 44,000	\$120.00	\$30.00
44,001 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00
Combination wrecker vehicle		
with GVWR of 24,000 or over	\$180.00	\$45.00

~~4. a. Maximum hourly rates for extra labor shall be Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per person per hour.~~

~~b. Maximum hourly rates for skilled or specialized labor and/or equipment shall be the actual customary and ordinary rates charged for such labor and/or equipment. When skilled or specialized labor or equipment is required, the wrecker operator's cost for such skilled or specialized labor or equipment plus a twenty-five percent (25%) gross profit markup to cover overhead costs for such labor will be added to the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable charges.~~

~~F. Hookup Rates.~~

~~1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the hookup of a vehicle to a wrecker vehicle when such hookup is performed in connection with a wrecker or towing service described in this section. Such hookup rate shall include the first fifteen (15) minutes of such service, for which there shall be no additional fee charged, but shall not include the use of a dolly or rollback~~

~~equipment or a combination wrecker vehicle to accomplish such hookup, for which an additional fee may be charged as provided in subsection G of this section. Hookup shall include, but not be limited to, the attachment of a vehicle to or the loading of a vehicle onto a wrecker vehicle.~~

~~2. Maximum hookup rates shall be as follows:~~

~~Weight of Vehicle Being Hooked Up~~

(In pounds, including equipment and lading)	Rate
Single vehicle: 8,000 or less	\$65.00
Single vehicle: 8,001 to 12,000	\$75.00
Single vehicle: 12,001 to 24,000	\$85.00
Single vehicle: 24,001 or over	\$95.00
Combination of vehicles	\$95.00

~~G. Additional Service Rates.~~

~~1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the performance of the following services:~~

- ~~a. the disconnection and reconnection of a towed vehicle's drive line when necessary to prevent mechanical damage to such vehicle,~~
- ~~b. the removal and replacement of a towed vehicle's axle when necessary to prevent mechanical damage to such vehicle, or~~

e. ~~the use of a dolly or rollback equipment when essential to prevent mechanical damage to a towed vehicle or when neither end of such vehicle is capable of being towed safely while in contact with the roadway.~~

~~2. Maximum additional service rates shall be as follows:~~

Weight of Towed Vehicle (In pounds, including equipment and lading)	Service Performed		
	Disconnect Drive Line;	Reconnect Drive Line;	Use of Dolly or Rollback Equipment
Rate Per Service Performed			
8,000 or less	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00
8,001 to 12,000	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Rate Per 15 Minutes of Service Performed			
12,001 or over	\$20.00	\$20.00	Not applicable

~~H. An operator shall be required to provide reasonable documentation to substantiate all lawful fees charged the owner, lienholder, agent or insurer paying the claim for the towed vehicle. 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~~

1 ~~provided in this section. The fuel surcharge shall be based on the~~
2 ~~Department of Energy "weekly retail on-highway diesel prices" for~~
3 ~~the "Midwest region" using Two Dollars (\$2.00) per gallon as the~~
4 ~~base price with no fees added. The wrecker fees shall be adjusted~~
5 ~~to allow a one-percent increase in fees for every ten-cent increase~~
6 ~~in fuel cost starting at Two Dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) per~~
7 ~~gallon.~~

8 ~~J. When skilled or specialized labor or equipment is required,~~
9 ~~the cost incurred by the wrecker operator for such skilled or~~
10 ~~specialized labor or equipment plus an additional twenty-five~~
11 ~~percent (25%) gross profit markup or gross profit margin shall be~~
12 ~~allowed to cover overhead costs for such labor and will be added to~~
13 ~~the invoice or freight bill to be collected in addition to all other~~
14 ~~applicable charges. This applies to labor and equipment not~~
15 ~~regulated by the Commission.~~

16 Wrecker or towing service companies shall provide the Commission
17 a complete list of all prices for the services it performs or may
18 perform related to the towing and storage of any vehicle that is
19 deemed a nonconsensual tow. The list shall be on the letterhead of
20 the wrecker or towing service company. The wrecker or towing
21 service company shall be responsible for updating the list when
22 prices change by submitting a new price list which contains the date
23 when new prices will take effect. The wrecker or towing service
24 company shall not exceed the prices on file with the Commission for

1 a nonconsensual tow. All prices provided to the Commission may be
2 provided to citizens needing a wrecker or towing service. The list
3 of prices provided to the Commission shall include, but may not be
4 limited to:

- 5 1. Indoor storage rates;
- 6 2. Outdoor storage rates;
- 7 3. Wrecker or wrecker vehicle rates;
- 8 4. Additional labor rates;
- 9 5. Specialized equipment rates; and
- 10 6. After-hours release rates.

11 D. Rates and Charges Requirements.

12 1. A wrecker or towing service company receiving calls from the
13 Department shall not charge fees in excess of those provided in
14 writing by the wrecker or towing service company to the Commission,
15 nor shall said company charge for the use of equipment and/or
16 personnel not reasonably necessary to perform the requested services
17 in a timely and professional manner.

18 2. Storage fees shall be reasonable, as determined by fees
19 charged by other wrecker or towing service companies in the same
20 geographic area. A list of fees and how those fees are calculated
21 shall be given to the Commission in accordance with subsection C of
22 this section. Consumer charges shall not deviate from the list
23 provided.

1 3. Any wrecker or towing service company that subcontracts for
2 the utilization of additional skilled or specialized labor,
3 equipment, or wrecker vehicle that is for the purposes of a
4 nonconsensual tow, the cost incurred by the wrecker or towing
5 service company for such skilled or specialized labor, equipment, or
6 wrecker vehicle plus an additional twenty-five percent (25%) gross
7 profit markup or gross profit margin shall be allowed to cover
8 overhead costs for such labor and will be added to the invoice or
9 freight bill to be collected in addition to all other applicable
10 charges.

11 4. Whenever complaints are received by the Commission
12 concerning the services provided or fees charged for towing and
13 related services that are requested through the Department, the
14 complaint shall be investigated to determine its validity and if any
15 action is warranted against the wrecker or towing service company.

16 5. Any wrecker or towing services company found to have
17 exceeded the prices provided to the Commission, using unnecessary
18 services to increase its fee, or engaging in unethical business
19 practices shall be subject to removal from the towing rotation log
20 by the troop commander. Wrecker or towing service companies shall
21 maintain a current price list, on its letterhead, of all charges for
22 equipment and services at the respective troop headquarters in
23 accordance with subsection C of this section.
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1 E. Complaint against wrecker or towing service company and
2 removal grounds.

3 1. If the Commission opens a complaint, it shall review the
4 current price list provided to the Commission by the wrecker or
5 towing service company in question, and determine whether fees
6 charged for a nonconsensual tow have been exceeded.

7 2. If fees charged for a nonconsensual tow do not exceed the
8 current price list provided to the Commission, the Commission may
9 review fees charged with those list of prices provided to the
10 Commission by other licensed wrecker and towing service companies
11 that are located in the same geographic area. If the fees charged
12 by the wrecker and towing service company that are being reviewed by
13 the Commission, due to a complaint, exceed by more than fifty
14 percent (50%) the current listed price of service or equipment of
15 other licensed wrecker or towing service companies in the same
16 geographic area, the Commission shall determine the complaint as
17 valid and prohibit said wrecker or towing service company from
18 collecting any payments that exceed the fifty-percent threshold
19 mentioned above. If a wrecker or towing service company has already
20 collected monies exceeding the fifty-percent threshold, the wrecker
21 or towing service company shall be required to return all amounts
22 exceeding the fifty-percent threshold mentioned above.

23 3. The Commission shall only bring a charge against a wrecker
24 or towing service company for rates charged or equipment utilized if
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1 a complaint has been filed with the Commission by a third party such
2 as the:

3 a. owner or lien holder of the vehicle, or

4 b. insurer of the vehicle.

5 F. Wrecker and Towing Service Company Complaints Against the
6 Commission.

7 1. In those instances where a wrecker or towing service company
8 on a rotation log has a complaint against the Commission due to an
9 order regarding to a complaint, the wrecker or towing service
10 company shall be provided a process by which an appeal may be made
11 regarding inappropriate fees charged for a service or utilization of
12 equipment related to a nonconsensual tow, and/or the removal of said
13 wrecker or towing service company from the rotation log.

14 2. The Commission shall allow the wrecker or towing service
15 company to appeal an order by submitting supporting documentation.
16 Once supporting documentation has been provided, the Commission
17 shall make a determination of whether the Commission's order against
18 the wrecker or towing service company stands, or if the supporting
19 documentation shows the Commission erred in its order against the
20 wrecker or towing service company. If the Commission errs regarding
21 its order against a wrecker or towing service company, said company
22 shall be entitled to collect any monies prohibited by the
23 Commission, be included on the towing rotation log, as well as be
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1 refunded any fines or penalties levied against the wrecker or towing
2 service company by the Commission.

3 ~~K.~~ G. Wrecker operators shall be allowed to obtain ownership
4 and insurer information, including accident reports and other public
5 records, from the Oklahoma Tax Commission or other states' motor
6 vehicle agencies or from law enforcement agencies for the purpose of
7 determining ownership and responsibility for wrecker fees. In the
8 event a state of origin is not known, the Department of Public
9 Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall assist in providing
10 such information. The wrecker operator is authorized to collect
11 lawful fees for such costs and services from the owner, lienholder
12 that seeks possession of a vehicle under a security interest, agent,
13 or insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or
14 purchasing the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the owner of any
15 towed or stored vehicle.

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

19 Section 953.2 A. The rates established ~~by order of the~~
20 ~~Corporation Commission~~ the Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011 shall
21 determine the maximum fees and charges for the storage and after-
22 hours release of nonconsensual towed vehicles, including
23 incorporated and unincorporated areas, by a wrecker or towing
24 service licensed by the Department of Public Safety and repair
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1 facilities as defined in Section 953 of Title 15 of the Oklahoma
2 Statutes. No wrecker or towing service or repair facilities shall
3 charge any fee for nonconsensual towed vehicles and storage which
4 exceeds the maximum rates established by the ~~Commission~~
5 Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011. Such rates shall be in addition
6 to any other rates, fees or charges authorized, allowed or required
7 by law, including environmental remediation fees and services.

8 B. 1. Storage or after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or
9 both, provided by a wrecker or towing service or by a repair
10 facility shall be recorded by the operator on a bill or invoice as
11 prescribed by rules of the Department.

12 2. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an operator or
13 repair facility who has provided or caused to be provided storage or
14 after-hours release of a towed vehicle, or both, to require
15 prepayment, in part or in full, or guarantee of payment of any
16 charges incurred for providing such services.

17 3. This section shall not be construed to require an operator
18 or repair facility to charge a fee for the storage or after-hours
19 release, or both, of any towed vehicle.

20 4. The operator or repair facility is authorized to collect all
21 lawful fees in acceptable forms of payment such as through check,
22 credit card, automated clearing house transfer, or debit card from
23 the owner, lienholder or agent of the towed vehicle or insurer
24 accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle or purchasing
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1 the vehicle as a total loss vehicle from the registered owner for
2 the performance of any and all such services. An operator or repair
3 facility shall make the towed vehicle available for inspection by
4 the owner, lien holder, agent of the towed vehicle, or insurer
5 accepting liability for paying the claim for a vehicle and shall
6 release the vehicle from storage upon authorization from the owner,
7 agent or lienholder of the vehicle or in the case of a total loss,
8 the insurer accepting liability for paying the claim for the vehicle
9 or purchasing the vehicle where the vehicle is to be moved to an
10 insurance pool yard for sale.

11 ~~C. The rates in subsections D through F of this section shall~~
12 ~~be applicable until superseded by rates established by the~~
13 ~~Commission.~~

14 ~~D. Outdoor Storage Rates.~~

15 ~~1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the outdoor storage~~
16 ~~of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed~~
17 ~~vehicle is brought onto the outdoor storage facility premises.~~
18 ~~Rates shall apply to each calendar day of outdoor storage; provided,~~
19 ~~the maximum twenty-four hour fee, as provided for in this section,~~
20 ~~may be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion~~
21 ~~of a twenty-four hour period.~~

22 ~~2. Maximum outdoor storage rates shall be as follows:~~

23 ~~Rate per Each~~
24 ~~24-hour Period or~~
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1	Type of Towed Vehicle	Portion Thereof
2	Single vehicle: motorcycle, automobile,	
3	or light truck up to 20 feet in length	\$15.00
4	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles	
5	over 20 feet in length but less than 30	
6	feet in length	\$20.00
7	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles	
8	over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet	
9	in width	\$25.00
10	Single vehicle or combination of vehicles	
11	over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet	
12	in width	\$35.00
13	E. Indoor Storage Rates.	
14	1. Rates in this subsection shall apply to the indoor storage	
15	of a towed vehicle. Rates may be applied from the time the towed	
16	vehicle is brought into the indoor storage facility premises. Rates	
17	shall apply to each calendar day of indoor storage; provided, the	
18	maximum twenty-four-hour fee, as provided for in this section, may	
19	be charged for any towed vehicle which is stored for a portion of a	
20	twenty-four hour period.	
21	2. Maximum indoor storage rates shall be as follows:	
22		Rate per Each
23		24-hour Period or
24	Type of Towed Vehicle	Portion Thereof
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Single vehicle: ~~motorcycle, automobile,~~
~~or light truck up to 20 feet in length~~ \$25.00

~~Single vehicle or combination of vehicles~~
~~over 20 feet in length but less than 30~~
~~feet in length~~ \$30.00

~~Single vehicle or combination of vehicles~~
~~over 30 feet in length and up to 8 feet~~
~~in width~~ \$35.00

~~Single vehicle or combination of vehicles~~
~~over 30 feet in length and over 8 feet~~
~~in width~~ \$45.00

~~3. For purposes of this subsection, "indoor storage" means the~~
~~vehicle is kept in an enclosed facility.~~

~~F. After-Hours Release Rate.~~

~~1. The rate in this subsection shall apply to the release of a~~
~~towed vehicle to the owner, lienholder, or agent when such release~~
~~occurs at a time other than normal business hours.~~

~~2. As used in this subsection:~~

~~a. "after hours~~

~~1. "After-hours release rate" shall mean the rate charged for~~
~~the release of a towed vehicle between the hours of midnight and~~
~~8:00 a.m., or between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight Monday~~
~~through Friday, or any time on Saturday, Sunday or a national~~
~~holiday; and~~

1 ~~b. "national~~

2 2. "National holiday" shall mean New Year's Day, Martin Luther
3 King Day, George Washington's Birthday, on the third Monday in
4 February, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day,
5 Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day, and shall further include the
6 Friday before such national holiday which falls on a Saturday and
7 the Monday following such national holiday which falls on a Sunday.

8 ~~3. The maximum after-hours release rate shall be Fifteen~~
9 ~~Dollars (\$15.00) per quarter hour for the release of any single~~
10 ~~vehicle or combination of vehicles.~~

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

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

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

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

10 2. If the owner, legal possessor or authorized agent of the
11 property owner is unable to obtain the services of a licensed Class
12 AA wrecker service to remove the abandoned vehicle in a reasonable
13 amount of time, the owner, legal possessor or authorized agent may
14 contact and request that a licensed Class AA wrecker service from an
15 adjacent county perform the service. A notation shall be made on
16 the Tow Request and Authorization Form that a licensed Class AA
17 wrecker service in the county in which the real property is located
18 was contacted but the licensed Class AA wrecker service was not able
19 to perform the removal in a reasonable amount of time.

20 C. A licensed Class AA wrecker service removing an abandoned
21 vehicle pursuant to this section shall be subject to the maximum
22 rates established by the ~~Corporation Commission~~ Nonconsensual Towing
23 Act of 2011.

1 D. The Department shall design and promulgate a suitable Tow
2 Request and Authorization Form containing space for the following
3 information:

4 1. A description of the vehicle, including the type of vehicle,
5 year of manufacture, name of the manufacturer, vehicle color or
6 colors, identification number and license tag number;

7 2. The name, address and business telephone number of the
8 licensed Class AA wrecker service;

9 3. The name, address, telephone number and driver license
10 number or state-issued identification card number of the real
11 property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent;

12 4. Inventory of personal property within the vehicle to be
13 towed;

14 5. Time and date the form is completed; and

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

17 The Department or the Commission may require additional
18 information on the Tow Request and Authorization Form. The driver
19 license number or state-issued identification card number of the
20 real property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent shall not
21 be disclosed by the Department or the Commission to any entity
22 inquiring about services performed without a court order or without
23 written consent from the property owner, legal possessor or
24 authorized agent.
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1 E. The real property owner, legal possessor or authorized agent
2 and the wrecker vehicle driver shall jointly, and each in the
3 presence of the other, inventory personal property found within or
4 upon the vehicle and each shall accordingly sign a statement on the
5 form reflecting this requirement has been fulfilled. In the event
6 an inventory cannot be completed, the reasons therefor shall be
7 clearly stated on the form.

8 F. A copy of the completed Tow Request and Authorization Form
9 shall be retained by the signatories and the licensed Class AA
10 wrecker service shall maintain the wrecker vehicle driver's copy for
11 not less than one (1) year, or longer if required by the Department
12 or the Commission. The licensed Class AA wrecker service shall
13 forthwith send the completed original Tow Request and Authorization
14 Form to the Department and the remaining copy of the completed form
15 to the local police department of the municipality in which the real
16 property is located, or the sheriff's office of the county from
17 which the vehicle was towed, if the real property is located outside
18 of an incorporated municipality. A facsimile copy of the Tow
19 Request and Authorization Form shall be considered the original form
20 if a printed or digital confirmation of the facsimile transmission
21 is available.

22 G. Within three (3) business days of the time indicated on the
23 form, the licensed Class AA wrecker service shall request the
24 Oklahoma Tax Commission or other appropriate motor license agent to
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1 furnish the name and address of the current owner of and any
2 lienholder upon the vehicle. The Tax Commission or appropriate
3 motor license agent shall respond in person or by certified mail to
4 the licensed Class AA wrecker service within five (5) business days
5 from the receipt of the request for information. The Department and
6 the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall render assistance to ascertain
7 ownership, if needed. The licensed Class AA wrecker service shall,
8 within seven (7) days from receipt of the requested information from
9 the Oklahoma Tax Commission or other motor license agent, send a
10 notice of the location of the vehicle by certified mail, or if by
11 Department notification, the Department may notify by first-class
12 mail, postage prepaid, at the addresses furnished, to the owner and
13 any lienholder of the vehicle. The owner or lienholder may regain
14 possession of the vehicle in accordance with rules of the Department
15 upon payment of the licensed Class AA wrecker services, costs of
16 certified mailing and the reasonable cost of towing and storage of
17 the vehicle. If the licensed Class AA wrecker service has not
18 complied with the notification procedures required by this
19 subsection, the owner or lienholder shall not be required to pay for
20 storage of the vehicle.

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

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

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

13 1. A report has been made that the vehicle has been stolen or
14 taken without the consent of its owner;

15 2. The officer has reason to believe the vehicle has been
16 abandoned as defined in Sections 901 and 902 of this title;

17 3. The person driving or in control of the vehicle is arrested
18 for an alleged offense for which the officer is required by law to
19 take the person arrested or summoned before a proper magistrate
20 without unnecessary delay;

21 4. At the scene of an accident, if the owner or driver is not
22 in a position to take charge of the vehicle and direct or request
23 its proper removal;
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1 5. The officer has probable cause that the person operating the
2 vehicle has not been granted driving privileges or that the driving
3 privileges of the person are currently suspended, revoked, canceled,
4 denied, or disqualified;

5 6. The officer has probable cause that the vehicle has been
6 used in the commission of a felony offense and the officer has
7 obtained a search warrant authorizing the search and seizure of the
8 vehicle;

9 7. The officer has probable cause that the vehicle is not
10 insured as required by the Compulsory Insurance Law of this state;
11 or

12 8. The vehicle is involved in a fatal motor vehicle collision
13 and is needed for evidentiary purposes; or

14 9. A vehicle is left unattended upon any street, sidewalk,
15 alley or thoroughfare and constitutes a hazard or obstruction to the
16 normal movement of public transit along a rail fixed guideway. An
17 unattended vehicle shall be deemed to constitute an obstruction if
18 any portion of the vehicle remains in that lane utilized for the
19 rail fixed guideway as designated by traffic lane markings or if any
20 portion of the vehicle is outside of the designated parking location
21 and protrudes into the lane of traffic utilized for the rail fixed
22 guideway. For purposes of this paragraph, the head of a political
23 subdivision's transportation division may authorize employees to
24 cause to be towed any vehicle which constitutes a hazard or
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1 obstruction to the normal movement of public transit along a rail
2 fixed guideway.

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

9 B. A licensed wrecker operator is not liable for damage to a
10 vehicle, vessel, or cargo that obstructs the normal movement of
11 traffic or creates a hazard to traffic and is removed in compliance
12 with the request of a law enforcement officer, unless there is
13 failure to exercise reasonable care in the performance of the act or
14 for conduct that is willful or malicious.

15 C. Each officer of the Department shall use the services of the
16 licensed wrecker operator whose location is nearest to the vehicle
17 to be towed in all instances in subsection A of this section. The
18 requests for services may be alternated or rotated among all
19 licensed wrecker operators who are located within a reasonable
20 radius of each other. In like manner, the officer shall advise any
21 person requesting information as to the availability of a wrecker or
22 towing service, the name of the nearest licensed wrecker operator,
23 giving equal consideration to all licensed wrecker operators located
24 within a reasonable radius of each other. In cities of less than
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1 fifty thousand (50,000) population, all licensed wrecker operators
2 located near or in the city limits of such cities shall be
3 considered as being equal distance and shall be called on an equal
4 basis as nearly as possible. In counties bordering other states, if
5 the officer deems safety and time considerations warrant, the
6 officer may call a wrecker or towing service that is not on the
7 rotation log.

8 D. Any officer of the Department who has been requested by a
9 person in need of wrecker or towing service to call a specific
10 wrecker or towing service for such person, and who calls a different
11 wrecker or towing service other than the one requested, without the
12 consent of the person, except where hazardous conditions exist,
13 shall be subject to progressive discipline issued by the Department
14 except in instances where a vehicle is removed from the roadway
15 under the authority of paragraphs 3, 4 and 6 of subsection A of this
16 section.

17 E. Operators conducting a tow under this section shall release
18 all personal property within the vehicle to an insurer or
19 representative of the insurer who has accepted liability for the
20 vehicle, or to the registered owner or the owner's personal
21 representative as designated by the registered owner on a form
22 approved by the Department. The registered owner or representative
23 of the registered owner shall provide proof of identity in
24 accordance with the Department's rules related to establishing
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1 identity. Upon the release of personal property to an insurer or
2 representative of the insurer, wrecker operators shall be exempt
3 from all liability and shall be held harmless for any losses or
4 claims of loss. Personal property shall include everything in a
5 vehicle except the vehicle, the attached or installed equipment,
6 vehicle keys or devices to start and unlock the vehicle, and the
7 spare tire and tools to change the tire. Interlock devices may be
8 removed pursuant to Section 11-902a of this title. If release of
9 personal property occurs during normal business hours as prescribed
10 by the ~~Corporation Commission~~ Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011, it
11 shall be at no cost to the registered owner or the owner prior to
12 the repossession. After-hour fees may be assessed as prescribed by
13 this ~~Chapter or by the Corporation Commission act~~, when the release
14 of property is made after the prescribed normal business hours.

15 F. The operator of a wrecker or towing service may request a
16 person offering proof of ownership of personal property and any
17 interlock device to execute a form provided by the operator
18 exempting the operator from liability for such release.

19 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 966, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 966. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as
22 the "Nonconsensual Towing Act of 2011".

23 B. The provisions of this act shall apply to every wrecker
24 operating within the State of Oklahoma removing and storing vehicles
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1 from Oklahoma roads and highways or private property as a result of
2 a nonconsensual tow.

3 C. The Corporation Commission, by Commission order, shall have
4 the power and authority necessary÷

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

8 ~~2. To supervise and enforce such rates; and~~

9 ~~3. To~~ to mediate and adjudicate complaints that may arise from
10 charges assessed as a result of such vehicle removal.

11 D. ~~Rates as specified in Sections 953.1 and 953.2 of Title 47~~
12 ~~of the Oklahoma Statutes shall remain in effect until rates are~~
13 ~~established by order of the Commission.~~

14 E. ~~Rates established by the Commission shall be fair and~~
15 ~~reasonable.~~

16 F. The Commission may assess fines or other penalties to any
17 wrecker or towing service for failure to comply with prescribed
18 rates as established by the ~~Commission~~ Nonconsensual Towing Act of
19 2011, failure to pay a levied assessment or comply with any
20 applicable order of the Commission. Repeat violations by a wrecker
21 or towing service are cause for revocation of its license issued by
22 the Department of Public Safety.

1 ~~G.~~ E. The Department shall cooperate with the Commission to
2 implement this act and may enter into agreements to facilitate this
3 act.

4 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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