

Police Tow Lot Fees

A. **Fees were last increased 10 years ago on July 15, 2008 ordinance 432-08.**

B. **This ordinance modifies the following fees:**

1. 765.11. Fees for police ordered tows.
 - a. Owners towing fee per vehicle from **\$125 to \$145**
 - b. Fee paid to tow companies from **\$75.00 to \$85.00**
2. 765.12 Storage charge for police ordered tows.
 - a. **Inside storage.**
 - (1) Passenger vehicles, utility trailers, and trucks under one and one-half tons per day: **\$18.00 to \$23.00.**
 - (2) Motorcycles per day: **\$16.00 to \$21.00**
 - (3) Trucks, tractors, utility trailers or trucks over one and one-half tons per unit per day or fraction thereof: **\$27.00 to \$32.00**
 - b. **Outside storage.**
 - (1) Passenger vehicles, utility trailers or trucks under one and one-half tons per day: **\$15.00 to \$20.00**
 - (2) Motorcycles per day: **\$14.00 to \$19.00**
 - (3) Trucks, tractors, trailers or house trailers over one and one-half tons per day, per unit: **\$22.00 to \$27.00**

C. **City of Toledo comparison to other comparable Ohio cities**

1. **Dayton:** Tow=\$145.00. Storage \$20.00 (Dayton does not operate an impound lot. Tows are stored on the towing company property.)
2. **Cincinnati:** Tow=\$150.00. Storage \$25.00.
3. **Akron:** Tow=\$105, flatbed tow= \$155.Storage=\$15. (Akron does not operate an impound lot. Tows are stored on the towing company property.)

D. **Advantages of operating an impound lot with sworn personnel**

1. Prior to TPD operating an impound lot there were frequent complaints of theft from towed vehicles.
2. Sworn personnel at the impound lot maintains the chain of custody for evidence.
3. Sworn personnel have the authority to arrest persons wanted on outstanding warrants or committing on-view offenses.
4. Provides a uniform police presence during the hours of operation.
5. Having a sworn police presence at the lot also provides the ability to immediately handle weapons or contraband found inside impounded vehicles.

E. **Number of tows last 5 years**

- 2013 - 6399
- 2014 - 6269
- 2015 - 8561
- 2016 - 9100
- 2017 - 9102