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