

RESOLUTION NO. 26-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE ESTABLISHED RATES WITHIN PINELLAS COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 122 BE AMENDED BY SAID RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Pinellas County enacted a Towing Ordinance (“Ordinance”) in 2000 in order to address public concerns and to protect the safety, health and welfare of Pinellas County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance was initially amended in 2016, and again in 2019 and 2023 to clarify language, enhance several areas related to consumer protection, and adjust towing rates to balance consumer and industry interests; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the 2019 amendment, it was proposed that the Ordinance be reviewed every three years to account for industry changes and look for potential improvements, as a result, the Ordinance was reviewed and amended in 2023; and

WHEREAS, in addition to approving the 2023 amendments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners requested that staff continue to review the Ordinance with Pinellas County towing operators; and

WHEREAS, Consumer Protection met with the Professional Wreckers of Florida, Inc. (PWOFF), as well as local industry partners and law enforcement, in order to obtain feedback on local trends, operations and rates; and

WHEREAS, during these meetings, industry representatives indicated significant increases in staffing and operational costs as well as growing difficulties in maintaining competitive operations under the current fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, Section 122-42(d) allows the Board of County Commissioners to adjust established towing rate levels by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, that:

Section 1. Section 122-42(a). Establishment of towing rates. Shall be amended to read as follows:

- (1) Class A vehicles (gross vehicle weight through 9,999 pounds or vehicle carrying a vessel 15 feet or less in length):

- a. Private property trespass tow (flat rate) \$175.00
- b. Police directed nonconsensual tow (flat rate) \$153.00
- c. Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for a private property trespass tow not to exceed ten miles from the point of removal, per mile \$6.00
- d. Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate for a police directed nonconsensual tow, per mile \$5.00
- e. Police directed nonconsensual tow, time beyond initial 30 minutes at scene, per 15-minute block \$30.00
- f. Private property trespass or police directed nonconsensual tow, daily storage rate \$35.00

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 16th day of June, 2026,

Commissioner Flowers offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Peters, and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Eggers, Flowers, Nowicki, and Peters.

NAYS: Latvala, Scherer, and Scott.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Cody J. Ward
Office of the County Attorney