RESOLUTION NO.   19-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; CHANGING THE MAXIMUM TOWING RATES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the towing rates provided for in that original enactment have not been changed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 122-42(a) and (d), Pinellas County Code, the maximum rates provided for under the ordinance may be changed by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Consumer Protection Division of the Human Services Department undertook a state-wide survey to determine the consistency of Pinellas County towing rates charged as compared to other Florida counties; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the survey, the Consumer Protection Division makes the following recommendations regarding towing rates; and

WHEREAS, upon review the Board of County Commissioners agrees with the recommendations and approves the following update to the maximum rate schedule for towing.

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

SECTION 1. The Towing Rates for Class A vehicles (gross vehicle weight through 10,000 pounds or vehicle carrying a vessel 15 feet or less in length) shall be as follows:

a.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow (flat rate) ..... $~~100~~110.00

b.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for trespass tow not to exceed ten miles from the point of removal, per mile ..... $~~3~~4.00

c.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate for nonconsensual tow, per mile ..... $~~3~~4.00

d.   Nonconsensual tow, time beyond initial 30 minutes at scene, per 15-minute block $15.00

e.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow, daily storage rate ..... $~~20~~25.00

SECTION 2.   The Towing Rates for Class B vehicles (gross vehicle weight 10,000 pounds or more but less than 19,500 pounds or vehicle carrying a vessel more than 15 feet but less than 22 feet in length) shall be as follows:

a.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow (flat rate) $200.00

b.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate for trespass tow not to exceed ten miles from the point of removal, per mile $34.00

c.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate for nonconsensual tow, per mile $34.00

d.   Nonconsensual tow, time beyond initial 30 minutes at scene, per 15-minute block $50.00

e.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow, daily storage rate $30.00

SECTION 3.   The Towing Rates for Class C vehicles (gross vehicle weight 19,500 or more pounds but less than 25,000 pounds or vehicle carrying a vessel more than 22 feet in length) shall be as follows:

a.   Trespass and nonconsensual tow (flat rate) $300.00

b.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for trespass tow not to exceed ten miles from the point of removal, per mile $34.00

c.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for nonconsensual tow, per mile $34.00

d.   Nonconsensual tow, time beyond initial 30 minutes at scene, per 15-minute block $75.00

e.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow, daily storage rate $60.00

SECTION 4.   The Towing Rates for Class D vehicles (gross vehicle weight 19,500 or more pounds but less than 25,000 pounds or vehicle carrying a vessel more than 22 feet in length) shall be as follows:

a.   Trespass and nonconsensual tow (flat rate) $400.00

b.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for trespass tow not to exceed ten miles from the point of removal, per mile $34.00

c.   Mileage rate, in addition to flat rate, for nonconsensual tow, per mile $34.00

d.   Nonconsensual tow, time beyond initial 30 minutes at scene, per 15-minute block $100.00

e.   Trespass or nonconsensual tow, daily storage rate $60.00

SECTION 5.   EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption as provided by law.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the ___ day of _____, 2019, Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and not voting: