



CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

- **ARTICLE VIII. - TOWING**

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- **Sec. 1-10-276. - Intent.**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida ("board") intends to regulate the maximum price charged for nonconsensual **towing** services throughout the unincorporated areas of Charlotte County.

(Ord. No. 99-023, § 1, 5-25-99)

- **Sec. 1-10-277. - Scope and applicability.**

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(a) The board shall establish by resolution the maximum fees which may be charged on the **towing** of vehicles from or immobilization of vehicles on private property, removal and storage of wrecked or disabled vehicles from an accident scene or for the removal and storage of vehicles, in the event the owner or operator is incapacitated, unavailable, leaves the procurement of wrecker service to the law enforcement officer at the scene, or otherwise does not consent to the removal of the vehicle. From time to time, the fees established by the board may be altered, revised, increased or decreased.

(b) Persons who provide services pursuant to this section shall not charge in excess of the maximum fees established. No person providing services pursuant to this section shall charge any type of fee other than the fees for which the board has established specific **rates**.

(c) Persons who provide services pursuant to this section shall be prohibited from charging **rates** or performing **towing** services in excess of those prescribed for the class of **tow** truck necessary for the services provided, regardless of the class of **tow** truck actually utilized for providing the **tow**.

(d) This article shall not be construed to disallow a law enforcement agency or any other party to contract with **tow** truck operators for nonconsensual **towing** services at a lower price.

(Ord. No. 99-023, § 1, 5-25-99)

- **Sec. 1-10-278. - Documentation.**

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Persons who provide services pursuant to this section shall keep records of mileage, services provided and prices charged for each nonconsensual **towing** service and shall provide these records to any law enforcement agency upon request.

(Ord. No. 99-023, § 1, 5-25-99)

- **Sec. 1-10-279. - Penalty.**

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Persons who provide services pursuant to this section who charge more than the maximum fees set by the board shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each violation.

(Ord. No. 99-023, § 1, 5-25-99)

- **Sec. 1-10-280. - Enforcement.**

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The Charlotte County sheriff's office shall enforce the provisions of this article in the unincorporated areas of Charlotte County.

(Ord. No. 99-023, § 1, 5-25-99)