

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 151.14 [Administrative Towing Fee] OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, NUNC PRO TUNC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police is recommending that the Police Department begin collecting an Administrative Towing Fee prior to the issuance of a tow release form to the owner/operator of a vehicle towed at the request of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this Council and Mayor are desirous of enacting a new Section 151.14 entitled Administrative Tow Fee to establish a fee for the release of a vehicle towed on the order of the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. Section 151.14 Administrative Tow Fee of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma Heights is enacted to read as follows:

**SECTION 151.14 Administrative Tow Fee**

An administrative towing fee is established and the Department of Police is authorized to charge an administrative towing fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the owner of any vehicle seeking release of the vehicle from impound. The administrative towing fee shall not be applicable in the event that the vehicle is not returned to or claimed by the owner and shall be in addition to any fee that is charged by any agency for a police ordered tow of a vehicle. The fee may be increased from time to time by the Director of Public Safety to reflect the actual increase in costs associated with processing the police ordered tow of a vehicle. The Director of Public Safety shall notify Council of such increases not less than thirty days prior to the effective date of the increase.

Section 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Council hereby declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of this municipality and for the further reason that it is necessary to enact this ordinance to facilitate the collection of the administrative towing fee; wherefore, it shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: 4-22-2019

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Florence A. Bohdan

4-22-2019  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: 4-22-2019

  
MAYOR