

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO TOWN CODE PROVISIONS
REGULATING FEES CHARGED BY TOWING OPERATORS

THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 8-78.1 of the Carrboro Town Code ("Limitation on Fees for Towing from Private Property") is rewritten as follows:

Section 8-78.1 Acceptance of credit cards required.

~~No person who tows or removes a motor vehicle from private property may charge the owner or operator of the vehicle removed an amount in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the towing or removal. No person who stores a motor vehicle so removed may charge the owner or operator of the vehicle a storage fee in excess of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day. No storage fees shall be charged for the first twenty four (24) hour time period from the time the vehicle is initially removed from the private property. The fees referred to herein shall be all inclusive; no additional fees may be charged for the use of particular equipment or services. The towing or storage firm must accept payment by major credit and debit cards in addition to cash for all fees charged for services regulated by covered under this article (including fees charged under Section 8-78.3). A refusal by a towing operator to accept payment by a major credit or debit card shall constitute a waiver by such operator of any entitlement to receive payment of such fee. The towing or storage firm must provide a receipt for each payment at the time the payment is made.~~

Section 2. Section 8-78.1 of the Carrboro Town Code ("Release Prior to Tow") is amended as follows:

Section 8-78.3 Release Prior to Tow

If, prior to the tow truck and vehicle having left the private property at which the vehicle was parked, the owner or operator or other person able to move the vehicle returns to the property, the tow truck operator shall release the vehicle to that person. No fee may be charged unless the vehicle has been attached to the tow truck prior to the arrival of the person. ~~in which case a fee not in excess of fifty dollars (\$50) may be charged.~~

Section 3. All provisions of any town ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.