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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, TO AMEND SECTIONS 35-146 THROUGH 35-180 KNOWN AS THE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE ORDINANCE.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, that Sections 35-146 through 35-180 are deleted in their entirety and the following new language is substituted in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE IV. TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Sec. 35-146. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish regulations and procedures to license district wrecker operators who apply to remove wrecked or disabled vehicles at the request or call of the City Police Department or other department of the City and to establish a rotation call list procedure for these operators and to establish a board to administer this article. It is the intent of this Article to provide for the quick clearance of controlled access highway collisions due to the concern for public safety when considering the qualifications of wrecker or towing operators who participate in the clearance of controlled access highway collisions.

Sec. 35-147. Definitions.

For purposes of this article the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

District wrecker. All wrecker or towing operators licensed by the City under this article who qualify to be placed on the rotation call list to respond to requests for towing of vehicles made by the City.

Inside storage. The storing of a motor vehicle within an enclosed building being used by the wrecker or towing operator at the operator's place of business.

Normal business hours. The hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Outside storage. The storing of a motor vehicle within a lot or premises being used by the wrecker or towing operator at the operator's place of business, but not inside storage as described above.

Wrecker board. The Beer and Wrecker Board created to administer this article.

Wrecker inspector. That officer or employee of the City Police Department designated by the Chief of Police as the person responsible for receiving applications, conducting investigations of proposed wrecker operators, and making recommendations to the Wrecker Board.

Wrecker or towing operator. Any person engaged in the business of, or offering the services of, a wrecker or towing service to remove wrecked or disabled vehicles at the request or call of the City Police Department or other department of the City, whereby motor vehicles are or may be towed or otherwise removed from one place to another by the use of a motor vehicle adapted to and designed for that purpose.

Cross reference--Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 35-148. District Wrecker classifications.

(a) For purposes of this article, District wreckers are classified into four (4) classes, class A, class B, class C, and recovery class, with minimum requirements for each classification as follows:

(1) *Class A.* For towing passenger cars, pick-up trucks, small trailers, etc.

CHASSIS:

- A. Minimum GVWR 14,500 lbs.;
- B. Dual Rear Wheels
 - 1. Minimum 7.50 X 16
 - 2. Minimum 225 X 16
 - 3. Minimum Tread 8/32;
- C. Minimum 60 inch cab to axle;
- D. Present a professional outward appearance; and
- E. Fully functional drivers and passenger side mirrors.

WRECKER:

- A. Manufactured body, boom, and underlift;
- B. Minimum 60 inch cab to axle;
- C. Hydraulic recovery boom
 - 1. Minimum capacity 8 ton retracted
 - 2. Minimum capacity 4,000 LD extended
 - 3. Hydraulic elevation
 - 4. Hydraulic extension
- D. Dual Hydraulic 8,000 LB Winches
 - 1. Direct mount winch motors
 - 2. 6 X 19 3/8 inch cable
 - 3. 100 feet minimum of cable from winch
 - 4. Swidged thimbles (no clamps)

- E. Hydraulic Wheel Lift
1. Hydraulic Elevation
 2. Hydraulic Extension
 3. 3,500 LB Capacity at full extension
 4. 7,500 LB Tow Rating
 5. Sound and operational tire restraint straps
 6. Safety chains OEM Spec's Or %70 Grade 5/16 inch Operational Dollies
- F. Tow Sling w/J Hooks and chains
1. Sling straps in sound working condition
 2. J Hooks and Chain in Sound W/O
- G. Tow Lights w/Cord (Operational)
- H. Rotating Light Bar (Fully Operational)
- I. Work Lights (Operational)
- J. Trailer Ball Attachment
- K. Attachment or carrying straps for motorcycle
- L. Safety Package
- M. 1. 5 LB Fire Extinguisher (charged & operational)
2. Shovel
3. Broom
4. Bucket
5. 2 3/8 inch X 10 Ft recovery chains (Not "J" Hooks sling chains) minimum
6. 5 Lbs oil dry
7. First Aid Kit
- O. Class A tow trucks shall have all of the following required equipment:
- i. Amber colored lights
 - ii. Bolt Cutters
 - iii. Company Name/Address (3 inch letters)
 - iv. Cradle Tow Plate/Sling
 - v. Fire Extinguisher 20 lbs A.B.C. (UL)
 - vi. Flares/Reflectors
 - vii. Flood lights
 - viii. Fluid Absortion Compound (50 lbs)
 - ix. Heavy duty push broom
 - x. Pinchbar, prybar, crowbar
 - xi. Portable light bar
 - xii. Safety chains
 - xiii. Tire chains
 - xiv. Safety restraint straps
 - xv. shovel

(2) Class B. For towing medium size trucks, trailers, etc.

CHASSIS:

A. Minimum GVWR 25,500 LBS

- B. Dual Rear Wheel
 - 1. 8.25 X 22.5
 - 2. 265R X 22.5
 - 3. Minimum 8/32 tread all six tires
- C. Minimum cab to axle 108 inches
- D. Air Brakes
- E. Professional Outward Appearance
- F. Functional Drivers/Passenger Side Mirrors

WRECKER:

- A. Manufactured body, boom, and wheel lift
- B. Boom Capacity 16 Ton
- C. Hydraulically Powered Boom
 - 1. Hydraulic Elevation
 - 2. Hydraulic Extension
- D. Dual 16,000 LB Hydraulic Winches
 - 1. Direct Mount Hydraulic Motor
 - 2. 6 X 19 ½ inch cable
 - 3. 150 feet of cable from the winch
 - 4. Swidged Thimbles (No clamps)
- E. Hydraulic Wheel lift
 - 1. Power elevation
 - 2. Power extension
 - 3. 8,000 Lb. capacity full extension
 - 4. 32,000 Lb. Tow Rating
 - 5. ½ inch OEM or T-70 Safety Chain Permanently Attached
- F. Medium Duty Truck Hitch w/ ½ in. chassis
- G. Rear Jacks or spades (Wheel lift not acceptable)
- H. Tow Lights or Bar w/Cord (Operational)
- I. Rotating light bar (Fully Operational)
- J. Work Lights
 - 1. Upper Work Lights
 - 2. Lower Hook Up Lights
 - 3. All lights must be operational
- K. Tow Ball and/or Attachment
- L. Safety Package
 - 1. 5 Lb. Fire Extinguisher
 - 2. Shovel
 - 3. Broom
 - 4. Pry Bar
 - 5. Bucket
 - 6. 5 Lbs. Oil Dry
 - 7. Pair 3/8 in. X 10 ft. Chains minimum
 - 8. Pair ½ in. X 10 ft. Chains minimum
 - 9. First Aid Kit