

Summary for Council
Department of Public Safety

Ordinance No.: 465-2025

Legislative Purpose: To amend Section 405.04 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 2208-2000, passed June 19, 2001, relating to storage fee at vehicle pound

Legislative Summary:

Ordinance No. 465-2026 would amend CO Section 405.04 as amended by Ordinance No. 2208-2000, relating to storage fees at the City vehicle pound. The amendment would increase the storage fee from nine dollars (\$9.00) to sixteen dollars (\$16.00) for the first five (5) days or fraction thereof, and from six dollars (\$6.00) to fourteen dollars (\$14.00) for each subsequent day or fraction of a day. The existing exemption for vehicles held as property of a crime victim would be retained.

Cleveland's current storage fees have not been updated in nearly twenty-five years and are the lowest among comparable Ohio cities. The proposed rates remain well below the maximum daily storage fee of \$22.00 per day authorized by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:2-24-03, effective January 1, 2026. A brief comparison of peer city rates is provided below:

Municipality	Daily Storage Fee
Cincinnati	\$25.00 + tax
Hamilton	\$30.00
Toledo	\$20.00
Columbus	\$18.00
Cleveland (Current)	\$9.00 / \$6.00
Cleveland (Proposed)	\$16.00 / \$14.00

Even at the proposed rates, Cleveland would remain the lowest among all peer cities surveyed and would not exceed the OAC maximum.

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By Council Members Polensek and Griffin
(by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

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WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That Section 405.04 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 2208-2000, passed June 19, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

Section 405.04 Storage Fee at Vehicle Pound

Whenever any vehicle, except a bicycle, is stored in a vehicle pound for any reason, the person reclaiming the vehicle shall be charged a storage fee of ~~nine dollars (\$9.00)~~ sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per day, for each day or fraction of a day, for the first five (5) days or fraction thereof, and thereafter shall be charged ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per day, for each day or fraction of a day. No fee for storage shall be charged when the vehicle is the property of the victim of a crime and said vehicle is being held by the Division of Police for processing.

Section 2. That existing Section 405.04 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 2208-2000, passed June 19, 2001, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Drummond