

Summary for Council
Department of Public Safety

Ordinance No.: 1250-2025

Legislative Purpose: To amend Sections 405.01, 405.04, 405.06, 405.08, and 405.10 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by various ordinances relating to impounding, storage and towing; and to repeal Section 405.09, as amended by Ordinance No. 1684-76, passed June 29, 1976, relating to impounding bicycles

Legislative Summary:

Ordinance No. 1250-2025 amends various CO Sections relating to the impounding, storage and towing of vehicles. These amendments are being made to conform with House Bill 33, which exempts crime victims from paying fees to recover their property.

The amendments to these sections waive the fees for storage (CO Section 405.04 Storage Fee at Vehicle Pound), towing or impounding (CO Section 405.06 Impounding and Towing Fees), and storage or impounding fees for commercial vehicles (CO Section 405.08 Impounding Commercial Vehicles; Fees) when the vehicle is the property of a victim of a crime and the vehicle was taken in the course of the investigation.

The other changes to these sections include updating the fees for non-commercial vehicle storage, commercial vehicle impounding and storage, and for the preparation of the vehicle for towing. These fees reflect the current costs for these services.

CO Section 405.09 Impounding Bicycles, as amended by Ordinance No. 1684-76, passed June 29, 1976, is repealed. This section is no longer needed as the Division of Police does not impound bicycles.