ORDINANCE #1-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 TITLED TOWING OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EGG HARBOR

WHEREAS, the City of Egg Harbor has found that that it is of importance to the traveling public that the towing of vehicles under the direction of the City Police Department be regulated in order to protect the public interest; and

WHEREAS, in Chapter 251 of the City Code, the City has established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 a list of towing contractors to provide towing and storage services on behalf of the City and through the City's Police Department on a rotating basis; and

WHEREAS, Section 251-8 provides that municipal towing contractors may not charge any fee other than that set forth in a schedule incorporated in Section 251-8; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the rising cost of fuel and operating expenses for our municipal towing contractors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that Chapter 251 Titled Towing, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. 251-8 is amended to add the following provisions to the Egg Harbor City Towing and Storage Rate Schedule:

- 1. Basic towing service (two (2) axel)
 - a. Under 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight: \$175.00
- 3. Basic Towing Service, over 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight: Fes for heavy duty vehicles shall be \$260.00.
- 8. Storage fees per calendar day (commencing 12 hours after the request for tow)
 - (a) Outside building secured
 - i. Under 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight: \$50.00.
 - ii. Up to 16,000 pounds gross vehicle weight: \$50.00.
 - (b) Inside building secured
 - (1) Under 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight: \$55.00.
 - (2) Up to 16,000 pounds gross vehicle weight: \$55.00.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES. All ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. To the extend that any part of parts of this Ordinance are repealed or otherwise modified or voided by State Statute or case law, the remaining portions or sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. If any section, sentence or any part of this Ordinance is adjudged, unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title at a meeting dated:

Dated: February 23, 2023

Introduced: February 9, 2023 Publication: February 15, 2023 Public Hearing: February 23, 2023 Adoption: February 23, 2023

ATTEST:

Meg Steeb, City Clerk

CITY OF EGG HARBOR

Lisa Jiampetti, Mayor