**ORDINANCE NO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH IMPOUND LOT REGULATIONS** **AND FEES FOR IMPOUNDED AND/OR SEIZED VEHICLES,**

WHEREAS, the state gives municipalities the right to seize vehicles under certain conditions in relation to driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a revoked license; and

WHEREAS, the state gives municipalities the right to take possession of abandoned motor vehicles.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Tennessee as follows:

**Section 1:** Impoundment of vehicles. Members of the police department are hereby authorized, when reasonably necessary for the security of the vehicle or to prevent obstruction of traffic, to remove from the streets and impound any vehicle whose operator is arrested or any unattended vehicle which is parked, so as to constitute an obstruction or hazard to normal traffic. Any impounded vehicle shall be stored until the owner or other person entitled thereto claims it, gives satisfactory evidence of ownership or right to possession, and pays all applicable fees and costs or until it is otherwise lawfully disposed of. The fee for impounding a vehicle shall be equal to the fee charged by the wrecker service who tows the vehicle. The storage cost of the impounded vehicle shall be \_\_\_\_\_ dollars a day for each motor vehicle stored in the impoundment lot. Any part of a day shall count as a whole day.

**Section 2:** That all code sections, ordinances, parts of code sections and ordinances in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**Section 3:** This ordinance shall become effective upon final passage or as otherwise provided by law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed on first reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Passed on second reading: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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City Recorder