

TOWING AND IMMOBILIZING COMPANIES BYLAW, AMENDMENT BYLAW (NO. 1)

A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

The purpose of this bylaw is to amend the *Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw* to:

1. Update the fees which may be charged in relation to the towing and storage of vehicles from parking lots;
2. Address modern parking payment methods and infrastructure; and
3. Reflect current municipal ticketing authorities and practices.

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Under its statutory powers, including section 124(1)(g) of the *Motor Vehicle Act*, sections 8(6), 260 to 251 of the *Community Charter*, and sections 2 and 6 *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act*, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria in an open meeting assembled enacts the following provisions:

Title

- 1 This bylaw may be cited as the “Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw (No. 1)”.

Amendments

- 2 The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is amended in section 2 by adding the following text to the end of the definition of “immobilize”:

“but excludes any step taken as part of a service described under the Lien on Impounded Motor Vehicles Regulation, BC Reg 25/2015 as amended from time to time;” .
- 3 The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is further amended in section 5 as follows:
 - (a) in subsection 5(a)(iii), by striking out the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following text:

“the locations where each of a digital copy and a paper copy of the towing and storage fees that will apply may be viewed,” ,

(b) by striking out subsections 5(c), 5(d), and 5(e) and replacing them with the following new subsections:

“(c) tow a vehicle from a parking lot for failure to purchase sufficient parking time or any parking time, unless the towing company has received confirmation from the parking lot operator that:

(i) the pay station, parking meter or ticket dispenser, as the case may be, is in sound working order, and

(ii) that, where signs or decals in the parking lot state that a payment app may be used to make payment in that parking lot, the payment app is also in sound working order,

(d) tow a vehicle from a parking lot because the purchased parking time has expired, unless the towing company has confirmation from the parking lot operator that at least 15 minutes have elapsed since the time of expiry, or”, and

(c) by renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly.

4 The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is further amended in section 6 as follows:

(a) In subsection 6(a)(iii) by striking out the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following text:

“the locations where each of a digital copy and a paper copy of the towing and storage fees that will apply may be viewed,”,

(b) by striking out subsections 6(c), 6(d), and 6(e) and replacing them with the following new subsections:

“(c) immobilize a vehicle on a parking lot for failure to purchase sufficient parking time or any parking time, unless the immobilizing company has received the confirmation from the parking lot operator described in subsection 5(c),

(d) immobilize a vehicle on a parking lot because the purchased parking time has expired, unless the towing company has confirmation from the parking lot operator that at least 15 minutes have elapsed since the time of expiry, or”, and

(c) by renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly.

5 The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is further amended in section 8 as follows:

(a) In subsection 8(1) by inserting the following directly after “towed”:

“or is towed and impounded”, and

- (b) The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is further amended in section 8 by deleting the text of subsections 8(4), 8(5) and 8(6) in its entirety and replacing it with the following text:

- “(4) A towing company must reduce the fees prescribed in Schedule A by at least 50% if:
- (a) the owner or operator of a vehicle produces to the towing company a proof of payment for parking that was valid at the time when the towing company started to tow the vehicle and,
 - (b) where the proof of payment is not a physical parking ticket, the operator of the parking lot confirms such proof of payment is valid.
- (5) An immobilizing company must reduce the fees prescribed in Schedule A by at least 50% if:
- (a) the owner or operator of a vehicle produces to the immobilizing company proof of payment for parking that was valid at the time, when the immobilizing company started to immobilize the vehicle and
 - (b) where proof of payment is not a physical parking ticket, the operator of the parking lot confirms such proof of payment is valid.
- (6) A towing company that tows improperly or unlawfully parked vehicles must prominently display both a hard copy schedule of the fees which may be charged pursuant to this Bylaw and the digital location of that schedule of fees at:
- (a) each place of business, and
 - (b) each lot where vehicles towed for being improperly or unlawfully parked are stored.”.

6 The Towing and Immobilizing Companies Bylaw is further amended as follows:

- (a) In section 10 by deleting subsection 10(2) and renumbering the remaining subsection accordingly,
- (b) In section 17 by inserting the following directly after “Ticket Bylaw,”:

“the Bylaw Notice Adjudication Bylaw,”,
- (c) In section 17 by deleting the text of subsection 17(2) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“(2) Any person who is found guilty of an offence under this Bylaw is subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$50,000 for every instance that an offence occurs or each day that it continues.”, and

(d) By repealing Schedule A and replacing with the new Schedule A attached to this Bylaw as Appendix 1.

Commencement

7 This bylaw comes into force 30 days after the date of adoption of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME the	21st	day of	May	2026
READ A SECOND TIME the	21st	day of	May	2026
READ A THIRD TIME the	21st	day of	May	2026
ADOPTED on the		day of		2026

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MAYOR

Appendix 1

Schedule A**Maximum towing, storage, immobilizing and early release fees**

Description	Maximum Fee
1. Towing (s. 8(1))	The fees, costs, charges and surcharges prescribed for transportation and towing in the <i>Lien on Impounded Motor Vehicles Regulation BC Reg 25/2015</i> as amended from time to time
2. Storage (s. 8(1))	Those fees, costs, charges and surcharges prescribed for storage of a vehicle and for administration in the <i>Lien on Impounded Motor Vehicles Regulation BC Reg 25/2015</i> as amended from time to time
3. Immobilizing (s. 8(2))	\$85
4. Early Release (s. 9(1))	50% of any charges owing at the time of release in accordance with Item 1 of this Schedule
5. Early Release (s. 9(2))	\$45