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**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
FOR POLICE VEHICLE TOWS**

WHEREAS, the Village has long charged an administrative fee to recover reasonable expenses incurred by the Police Department in handling, coordinating and documenting the towing of vehicles required in instances such as arrests for serious driving infractions, and

WHEREAS, the provisions relating to the towing of vehicles are set forth in Chapter 77 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code, and

WHEREAS, the administrative fees currently charged have not been reviewed or modified since 2014, and

WHEREAS, the cost of administration of vehicle towing have increased significantly in the past six years, and a survey of nearby villages demonstrates that the fees charged in this Village are well below the average charges imposed by like communities, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winthrop Harbor and its taxpayers should not bear the cost of providing services to persons violating the traffic laws and endangering citizens and property, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Winthrop Harbor should charge reasonable fees which fairly reimburse it for the costs realized by it in administering traffic laws and in particular in towing vehicles, all consistent with 625 ILCS 5/11-208.7 and related motor vehicle statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Winthrop Harbor finds that imposing an administrative fee of \$500.00 per motor vehicle tow is appropriate, necessary and in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of the Village,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the corporate authority of the Village of Winthrop Harbor as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 77.03 of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and it shall hereafter read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~stricken~~):

§ 77.03 FEE SCHEDULE.

The administrative fee charged for all acts and record-keeping relating to the towing of vehicles within the village by the Police Department shall be ~~\$350~~ \$500 per vehicle, per tow.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form pursuant to law.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2020.

DR. MICHAEL BRUNO
Mayor, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

JULIE RITTENHOUSE
Clerk, Village of Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

Ayes: (6) Hargett, Levin, Marabella, McCarthy, Weiss, Whitmore
Nays: (0)
Passed: (0)
Absent: (0)