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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

November 17, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection, I transmit herewith an ordinance amending the Municipal Code regarding the licensing and regulation of tow trucks.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor

## ORDINANCE

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 4-227 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

#### **4-227-010 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

"Storage lot" means any real property, including real property outside the City limits, owned by or in the lawful possession or control of a licensee under this chapter that, in accordance with ~~the applicable provisions of the Zoning Code law~~, is used for the storage of vehicles towed from a location within the City.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

#### **4-227-020 License – Required.**

(a) No person shall engage in the business of towing damaged or disabled vehicles from the public way without first having obtained a towing license under this chapter; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a licensee from towing vehicles from private property with the express written consent of the vehicle's owner or operator, in accordance with applicable law. The towing license shall be in addition to any other license, registration, certificate, or permit required by law. ~~If any applicant under this chapter does not possess an active Illinois Commercial Vehicle Relocator License, the Department shall inspect the storage lot and any premises or place of business that is to be operated by the licensee.~~

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

#### **4-227-030 Application – Additional information required.**

(a) In addition to the requirements set forth in Section 4-4-050, an application for, and, if requested, renewal of any license to engage in the business of towing shall be accompanied by the following information:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(10) the name of the owner of each premises to be used as a storage lot, and, if such premises is leased by the applicant, a copy of the lease, and the name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the premises, including the name and address of the beneficiary if title to the premises is held by a person as a trustee; ~~and~~

(11) if the applicant does not possess an active Illinois Commercial Vehicle Relocator License and operates a storage lot outside the City limits, such information as determined necessary by the Commissioner to ensure the safety of such storage lot; and

(4412) any other information that the Commissioner may reasonably require.

(b) It is a condition of the license that all information in the application be kept current. Any change in required information shall be reported to the Department within 10 business days after such change has occurred.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

#### **4-227-060 Registration emblems.**

(a) The Department shall issue to every licensee ~~an annual~~ a registration emblem for every tow truck that the licensee provides or engages for use in the City. Registration emblems shall be issued within ten days of initial licensing under this chapter.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

#### **4-227-100 Licensed storage lots.**

No licensee may tow a vehicle under this chapter to a location other than a licensed storage lot operated by the licensee or a location owned or operated by a person licensed pursuant to Chapter 4-228, unless the operator or owner of the vehicle to be towed affirmatively requests such vehicle be towed to another location.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and approval.