

**THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE**  
**Essex County New Jersey**

**ORDINANCE No. 1778**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CGAPTER 10 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1. 10.05.020 – Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**LICENSED WRECKER**

Shall mean any wrecker licensed pursuant to the provisions of this section.

**LICENSEE**

Shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind that is in contact with the Borough, pursuant to this section, to provide wrecker/towing services to the Borough.

**OWNER**

Shall mean a person, firm, corporation or partnership who owns and/or operates a motor vehicle on the roads and highways within the Borough of Glen Ridge.

**PERSON**

Shall mean any person, owner, employee, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**PRINCIPAL LOCATION**

Shall mean the business office of the licensee where the licensee shall conduct business associated with the towing and storage of vehicles under the authority of the towing license issued by the Borough of Glen Ridge. Principal location must be located within one mile of the boundaries of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

**TOWING OPERATOR**

Shall mean a person, firm, corporation or partnership engaged in the business of providing towing, road service and storage services for motor vehicles that is licensed by the Borough of Glen Ridge.

**SECTION 2. 10.05.070 - Filing of application—Investigation**

Chapter 10.05.070 2(a) shall be rescinded and replaced with:

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a. As part of the Chief of Police's investigation of the license application a criminal history check and drivers abstract will be performed on all persons listed in application.

b. The Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes that the licensee must be trustworthy in that it is safeguarding vehicles belonging to others. Therefore, to protect the public interest, the Borough may disqualify any applicant wherein an employee, owner, principal, agent, etc. that has been convicted of a crime or violation under this section which crime or violation would indicate that the applicant may not be responsible to perform in the best interest of others.

c. The Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes that tow truck operators must also be drivers who abide by this State's motor vehicle laws. Accordingly, any tow truck operator having one or more convictions, within three years of the date of the filing of licensee's application, or renewal thereof, for a moving violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State, which the Township Chief of Police determines will negatively impact upon the

ability of the tow truck operator to safely and properly operate a motor vehicle will be disqualified from operating any of the applicant's motor vehicles while performing services listed in this section. If the applicant is already licensed and upon a conviction for any moving motor vehicle violation which the Township Chief of Police determines will negatively impact upon the ability of the tow truck operator to safely and properly operate a motor vehicle, a tow truck operator will be immediately disqualified from operating any of the licensee's motor vehicles while performing duties associated with this section.

d. The Chief of Police shall have a minimum of 30, but not to exceed 45 days days after the receipt of the completed application to complete the investigation and inspection and to submit a written report to the Borough Clerk. The report shall include recommendations that the applicant be accepted, denied or accepted with provisions.

e. The licensee shall notify the Police Department in writing of any criminal charges, motor vehicle offenses and ordinance violations that are issued against the licensee or its employees during the term of the license. Failure to make the proper notification to the Police Department may result in the revocation of the license.

**SECTION 3. 10.05.080 - Approved applications—Contents—Term—Fee.**

Section 10.05.080 C shall be repealed and replaced with:

C. The registration fee for the application certifying compliance herewith and authorizing towing issued under this section shall be two hundred fifty dollars (non-refundable); no portion of this fee shall be prorated for any part of the year.

D. The fee for the towing license after approval of application shall be \$50.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances not consistent with the provisions of this ordinance are and the same are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED,** that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ordinance Introduced: September 27, 2022

Ordinance Adopted:

ATTEST:

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Stuart K. Patrick  
Mayor

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Tara Ventola  
Municipal Clerk