

Ordinance 2005-10
City of West Point, Kentucky

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE RELEASE OF MOTOR
VEHICLES HAVING BEEN IMPOUNDED BY THE CITY OF WEST POINT AND
ESTABLISHING A CITY IMPOUND AND STORAGE FEES FOR MOTOR
VEHICLES IMPOUNDED WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS the City of West Point must periodically impound vehicles that are being operated within the City of West Point; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of West Point believes it is of benefit to the residents of the City of West Point by maintaining a City-run impound lot to generate revenue through the collection of impound storage fees; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of West Point, Kentucky, as follows:

1. The City of West Point shall maintain an impound lot for the storage of each automobile, motorcycle, truck, and other miscellaneous vehicles impounded within the City of West Point.
2. The lot shall have storage facilities available to house all vehicles towed by contract wreckers.
3. The impound lot shall be secured in such a manner as to preclude tampering with vehicles stored therein and the City shall be required to take all necessary steps to prevent damage to vehicles while in the custody of the City.
4. The City of West Point shall charge a storage fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day of impoundment.
5. Prior to release of an impounded vehicle, the owner or authorized agent shall provide proof that fees for towing services have been paid in full.
6. In addition to storage fees, vehicles released from impoundment by the City of West Point shall be subject to an administrative fee payable to the City of West Point in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each automobile, motorcycle, truck, and other miscellaneous vehicle released. In the event that the total amount of towing, storage, and administrative fees accumulated for an impounded vehicle under this ordinance exceeds the fair market value of the impounded vehicle, the owner or authorized agent of the owner shall pay the City of West Point in an amount equal to the fair market value of said

vehicle to release the vehicle from impoundment, subject to the approval of the Mayor of the City of West Point.

7. This fee must be paid in full and in cash before the vehicle will be released from impoundment.
8. Vehicles will only be released to owner during the business hours of City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4:30pm.
9. Day one of charges starts the first day of impoundment.
10. If the owner of a vehicle does not pick up the impounded vehicle within 90 days, City Hall will send a certified letter to owner stating that they have 15 days from the receipt of the letter to pick up vehicle. If the owner still does not pick the vehicle up, the vehicle then becomes property of the City of West Point and then it will be placed in the local newspaper to sell. Once the vehicle has sold the City of West Point will reimburse the towing company for the charge of the tow.

Read at a meeting of the West Point City Council on the 10th day of October 2005 and a second reading was held on the 14th day of November 2005; said ordinance was Read, Passed and Approved on the 14th day of November 2005.

Eric Duvall, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Nevitt, City Clerk/Treasurer