

Enforcement of City of Austin Towing Ordinance violations are accomplished by issuing Traffic Citations for the following non-consent towing violations.

Violation Wrecker Ord- Wrecker exceeding 45 minute response time (does not include impounds)  
Violation Wrecker Ord- No City Tow Truck Operator License while performing non-consent tow  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Failed to wear Tow Truck Operator License (non-consent)  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Failed to release vehicle within 1 hour from VSF  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Solicited Wrecker Business at crash scene (does not include zone)  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Failed to remove debris  
Violation Wrecker Ord- No or Expired City Inspection Certificate while performing non consent tow  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Failed to notify Austin Police Department within required time  
Violation Wrecker Ord- Failed to carry required equipment

**Note: Issues related to Police Impounds are governed by the Impound contract.**

#### 13-6-4 DEFINITIONS.

In this chapter:

(1) **CONSENT TOW** means a tow of a motor vehicle initiated by the owner or operator of the vehicle or by a person who has possession, custody, or control of the vehicle. The term does not include a tow of a motor vehicle initiated by a peace officer investigating a traffic accident or a traffic incident that involves the vehicle.

(4) **NON-CONSENT TOW** means a tow that is not a consent tow

#### City of Austin Non Consent Towing Fees

<b>Category A Wrecker</b>	<b>(vehicles weighing 10,000lbs or less)</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Category B Wrecker</b>	<b>(vehicles in excess of 10,000lbs but less than 26,000lbs)</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
	A&B Exceptional labor such as clearing debris	\$35.00 per hour
	A&B Winching, one-hour minimum, only if normal hook-up is not possible because of conditions or location of vehicle:	\$35.00 per hour
	A&B Wait time: if it exceeds 30 minutes from time of arrival at accident scene.	\$15.00 per hour
<b>Category C Wrecker</b>	<b>(vehicles in excess of 26,000lbs)</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
	Work time (Winching, preparing vehicle to be towed, and wait time):	\$25.00 per ¼ hour
	Exceptional labor (manpower):	\$15.00 per hour per man
	Additional Category C tow truck:	\$800.00
	Additional specialized equipment:	\$300.00 per hour
	Air bags	\$100.00 per bag per hour
	Fork lift	\$125.00 per hour.
	Haul trailers	\$500.00
	Trailer dollies (Used to move semi-trailers)	\$300.00
	Wait time:	\$20.00 per hour
	Large slide trucks/rollbacks	\$200.00 maximum
	(3 ton minimum size for hauling vehicles or equipment with gross weight 15,000 pounds or more)	

**Vehicle storage fees are regulated by state law:** Once towed to Vehicle Storage facility, additional fees will apply, for complete details on storage fees and other towing information see the Texas Department of Licensing and Revenue web site at <https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/towing/towing.htm> for information.

For additional information contact the Austin Police Department Wrecker Enforcement Vehicle Abatement Unit at (512) 974-8110 or [Wrecker.Enforcement@AustinTexas.gov](mailto:Wrecker.Enforcement@AustinTexas.gov)

NOTE: Fees do not included taxes, please call the vehicle impound facility for a complete quote of towing and storage fees.