

ORDINANCE 2010-O-9

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §77.03
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF WINTHROP HARBOR
REVISING THE FEE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Village has the right to regulate the use of public streets pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-80-2, and through the general police powers granted to all municipalities in Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Vehicle Code provides a comprehensive system for the towing of vehicles that are stolen, abandoned, disabled or used for certain unlawful purposes among other things (see, 625 ILCS 5/4-201 et. seq.), and

WHEREAS, the towing of vehicles from public streets requires a substantial amount of traffic management, vehicle inventorying, record keeping, notices and other documentation and towing therefore generates much necessary work by the police department and its civilian employees, and

WHEREAS, the expense of the administration of towing is a necessary part of ensuring that non-moving vehicles do not present safety hazards to the use of the public streets within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities find that the persons responsible for payment of the costs charged by the towing companies as described in the said provisions of the Vehicle Code should properly bear the administrative expenses incurred by the Village in regulating its streets and keeping non-moving vehicles off of them and in preserving the public safety and order, rather than the general funds of taxpayers,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Village of Winthrop Harbor, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 77.03 - Fee Schedule of the Winthrop Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

§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 \$350.00 per vehicle, per tow.

SECTION TWO: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 2010.

APPROVED:

ROBERT D. LOY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANA J. LEE, VILLAGE CLERK

AYES: Braden, Luke, Nearing, Robards

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Marabella, Swindle

FIRST AND SECOND READING: Waived 5/4/2010

ORDINANCE PASSED: 5/4/2010