



Motor Vehicle Act

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SCHEDULE [Repealed]

Definitions

1 In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Motor Vehicle Act*;

“**claimed vehicle**” means a motor vehicle impounded under the Act and released to the owner of the motor vehicle or a person authorized by the owner;

“**electric vehicle**” means a vehicle that has an electric propulsion engine and a battery storage system that can be charged from an external electric charging outlet;

“**unclaimed vehicle**” means a motor vehicle impounded under the Act and disposed of under the Act or the *Warehouse Lien Act*.

[am. B.C. Reg. 33/2024, s. 1.]

Zones

2 The following zones are established:

- (a) Zone 1, consisting of the following areas in which impound lots are located:
 - (i) the City of Vancouver;
 - (ii) the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver;
 - (iii) the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver;
- (b) Zone 2, consisting of the areas in which impound lots are located in the Capital Regional District, excluding areas that are listed within another zone;
- (c) Zone 3, consisting of the following areas in which impound lots are located:
 - (i) the City of Abbotsford;
 - (ii) the City of Burnaby;
 - (iii) the City of Chilliwack;
 - (iv) the City of Coquitlam;
 - (v) the City of Kamloops;
 - (vi) the City of Kelowna;
 - (vii) the City of Langley;
 - (viii) the City of Maple Ridge;

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- (ix) the City of Nanaimo;
- (x) the City of Prince George;
- (xi) the City of Richmond;
- (xii) the City of Surrey;
- (xiii) Repealed. [B.C. Reg. 125/2021, s. (a).]
- (xiv) the Corporation of the City of New Westminster;
- (xv) the Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam;
- (xvi) the Corporation of the City of White Rock;
- (xvii) the Corporation of the Township of Langley;
- (xviii) the District of Mission;
- (xix) the District of Squamish;
- (xx) the Resort Municipality of Whistler;
- (xxi) the City of Delta;
- (d) Zone 4, consisting of the following areas in which impound lots are located:
 - (i) the Corporation of the District of Central Saanich;
 - (ii) the District of North Saanich;
 - (iii) the District of Sooke;
 - (iv) the unincorporated community of Port Renfrew;
 - (v) Saltspring Island;
 - (vi) the Town of Sidney;
 - (vii) all other areas located within British Columbia that are not listed within another zone.

[am. B.C. Reg. 125/2021, s. (a).]

Lien on impounded vehicle

- 3** The following fees, costs, charges and surcharges are prescribed for the purposes of section 255 (2) (a) [*storage of impounded motor vehicle*] of the Act:
- (a) for storage,
 - (i) \$23.98 per day for impound lots in Zone 1,
 - (ii) \$22.89 per day for impound lots in Zone 2,
 - (iii) \$20.71 per day for impound lots in Zone 3, and
 - (iv) \$16.35 per day for impound lots in Zone 4;
 - (b) for transportation and towing, the transportation and towing cost determined under section 4;
 - (c) for administration,
 - (i) \$55.05 for a claimed vehicle, and
 - (ii) \$70.09 for an unclaimed vehicle.

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(d) Repealed. [B.C. Reg. 248/2021.]

[am. B.C. Regs. 26/2016, ss. 1 to 3; 91/2020; 125/2021, s. (b); 248/2021; 180/2022, s. 1; 33/2024, s. 2.]

Transportation and towing cost

- 4** (1) For the purposes of section 3 (b), the transportation and towing cost is the sum of the following:
- (a) the basic transportation and towing cost determined in accordance with subsection (2) of this section;
 - (b) a fuel surcharge equal to 28% of the basic transportation and towing cost;
 - (c) \$35 if dollies are used;
 - (d) the additional transportation and towing cost determined in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.
- (2) The basic transportation and towing cost for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight within a range described in column 2, 3, 4 or 5 of table 1 is the cost set out in or determined in accordance with that column, opposite the applicable transportation and towing distance described in column 1.
- (3) In determining an amount in accordance with columns 2 to 5 in item 2 of table 1, the transportation and towing distance is to be expressed to the nearest 0.1 km.
- (4) The additional transportation and towing cost for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight within a range described in column 2, 3, 4 or 5 of table 2 is the cost set out in or determined in accordance with that column, opposite the applicable transportation and towing service described in column 1.
- (5) In determining an amount in accordance with columns 2 to 5 of table 2,
- (a) in items 1, 4 and 5, the hourly rate is to be calculated based on each 1/2 hour that the service is provided,
 - (b) in item 3, the hourly rate is to be calculated based on each 1/2 hour that the service is provided, excluding the first 10 minutes that the service is provided, and
 - (c) in item 2, the hourly rate is to be calculated based on each 1/2 hour that the service is provided, excluding the first 5 minutes that the service is provided.
- (6) For the purposes of column 1 of table 2,
- “additional service”** means a service provided if dollies are not used where the operator of a tow truck, or other truck used in the transportation or towing, takes measures to protect a vehicle if its wheels are in motion while being transported or towed;
- “clean up service”** means a service where an operator of a tow truck, or other truck used in the transportation or towing, cleans or collects debris, parts, fluids or similar matters before transporting or towing a vehicle;

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“loading and securing service” means a service where an operator of a tow truck, or other truck used in the transportation or towing, secures a vehicle before transporting or towing the vehicle, including by, but not limited to,

- (a) securing one or more doors or loose parts on the vehicle,
- (b) applying a protective tarp or similar covering to the vehicle,
- (c) in the case of an electric vehicle, disconnecting a battery, fuse or quick connect in the vehicle,
- (d) loading the vehicle that is missing one or more tires or wheels, or
- (e) loading the burnt vehicle;

“recovery service” means a service where an operator of a tow truck, or other truck used in the transportation or towing, must relocate a vehicle in order to secure the vehicle before transporting or towing the vehicle;

“standby service” means a service where an operator of a tow truck, or other truck used in the transportation or towing, is instructed to wait with the truck before transporting or towing a vehicle.

Table 1

Item	Transportation and Towing Distance	Gross Vehicle Weight			
		Column 2 Not more than 3 000 kg	Column 3 More than 3 000 kg but not more than 6 300 kg	Column 4 More than 6 300 kg but not more than 9 073 kg	Column 5 More than 9 073 kg
1	Not more than 6 km	\$79.78	\$84.25	\$133.56	\$177.64
2	More than 6 km	\$79.78 + \$2.41 per km over 6 km	\$84.25 + \$3.02 per km over 6 km	\$133.56 + \$3.41 per km over 6 km	\$177.64 + \$7.26 per km over 6 km

Table 2

Item	Transportation and Towing Service	Gross Vehicle Weight			
		Column 2 Not more than 3 000 kg	Column 3 More than 3 000 kg but not more than 6 300 kg	Column 4 More than 6 300 kg but not more than 9 073 kg	Column 5 More than 9 073 kg
1	Additional service	\$75.58 per hour	\$84.25 per hour	\$133.56 per hour	\$177.64 per hour
2	Clean up service	\$75.58 per hour	\$84.25 per hour	\$133.56 per hour	\$177.64 per hour

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3	Loading and securing service	\$75.58 per hour	\$84.25 per hour	\$133.56 per hour	\$177.64 per hour
4	Recovery service	\$75.58 per hour	\$84.25 per hour	\$133.56 per hour	\$177.64 per hour
5	Standby service	\$75.58 per hour	\$84.25 per hour	\$133.56 per hour	\$177.64 per hour

[en. B.C. Reg. 33/2024, s. 3.]

SCHEDULE

Repealed. [B.C. Reg. 26/2016, s. 5.]

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