

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Bill No. 1-69

An Emergency Ordinance to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 12-1400, 12-1405, 12-1406 and 12-1408 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), heading "Title 12. Licenses, Permits and Inspections," subheading "Subtitle 14. Towing Companies," and to add new Section 12-1405A to the said Code under the said heading and subheading to follow immediately after Section 12-1405 thereof, revising generally certain provisions relating to the licensing of towing operators and the procedure of such operators.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Sections 12-1400, 12-1405, 12-1406, and 12-1408 of the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), heading "Title 12. Licenses, Permits and Inspections," subheading "Subtitle 14. Towing Companies," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Section 12-1400. ~~Definitions.~~

For the purposes of this subtitle the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Disabled vehicle. A motor vehicle which has been damaged or rendered inoperative as the result of a collision or accident and not as a result of wear and tear or mechanical failure.

License. A license to engage in towing disabled vehicles from or through the streets of the county, issued pursuant to this subtitle.

Regular business day. That period between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and ~~5:00~~ 8:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Towing. The moving or removing or the preparation thereof of a disabled vehicle by another vehicle for which service charge is made, either directly or indirectly. A charge made indirectly refers to dues or other charges of bona fide clubs or associations which provide towing services.

Towing company. A natural person, partnership, corporation, fiduciary, association or other entity owning, operating or conducting the business of disentangling, removing or towing vehicles damaged by collision or other accident.

Towing vehicle. A vehicle that tows, carries or removes a disabled vehicle for a fee charged either directly or indirectly. A fee charged indirectly refers to dues or other charges of clubs or associations which provide towing services. (~~Bill No. 84 (1965), S.1~~)

Section 12-1405. ~~Same Investigation and findings on application.~~

(a) The director of inspections and permits, after receipt of an application for license, shall forward same to the chief of police or his designee for investigation and inspection of the following:

(1) The applicant has adequate off-street storage facilities [not necessarily located at the same location] *within five ROAD miles of the location* where his towing vehicles are located, in an area so that stored vehicles will not be visible from any state or county highway.