

ORDINANCE NO. 4727

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-0825 OF THE GRAND FORKS CITY CODE RELATING TO IMPOUNDING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES; REMOVAL AND STORAGE FEES

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, PURSUANT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, THAT:

SECTION I. AMENDING CLAUSE

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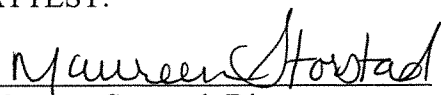
Any vehicle left standing upon any of the streets, alleys, highways, public ways or public property of the city in violation of section 8-0801, 8-0802, 8-0803, 8-0804, 8-0805, 8-0806, 8-0811, 8-0812, 8-0814, 8-0817, 8-0818, 8-0819 or 8-0820 is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and the same may forthwith be abated by any police officer, street department employee, or community service officer of the City of Grand Forks in the following manner: any such officer or street department employee may cause any such parked vehicle to be forthwith removed from the streets to a city pound area or city parking lot or to a different street location in the general area where originally parked or such other place as may be designated by the chief of police or superintendent of streets and shall permit the same to be returned to the owner only upon the owner's payment of removal costs and a storage fee of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per day for the first seven (7) days and five dollars (\$5.00) per day thereafter, in addition to any fines or penalties hereinafter provided, including bond on any outstanding parking tickets or parking warrants issued by the city.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval as provided by law.


Michael R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Maureen Storstad, Director
Finance & Administrative Services

Introduction and first reading: 07/15/2018
Public Hearing: 08/05/2019
Second Reading and Final Passage: 08/05/2019
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Committee of the Whole – July 8, 2019
City Council – July 15, 2019 and August 5, 2019

Agenda Item: Ordinance amending Section 8-0825 relating to impounding of certain vehicles; removal and storage fees.

Submitted by: Howard D. Swanson, City Attorney

Staff Recommended Action: Give preliminary and final approval to Ordinance.

Committee Recommended Action: Refer to City Council with the recommendation to approve.

07/15/2019-Preliminary Approval - Motion Carried unanimously.

Council Action:

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department has requested the authority to tow vehicles that are illegally parked in alleys in violation of Grand Forks City Code Section 8-0805 and when illegally stopped in the street or double parked in the street in violation of Section 8-0806 of the Grand Forks City Code. Currently such violations are not towable offenses.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:

Amendment of the Ordinance to include Sections 8-0805 and 8-0806 would allow the Police Department to order the towing and impoundment of vehicles that are illegally parked in alleys, or on streets. Currently such offenses are not towable offenses.

SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Draft Ordinance

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