## ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDING SECTION 231, ARTICLE VII, TOWING FEES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR TOWING AND BOOTING FEES

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 231, Article I of the Code of Ordinances provides for the towing and booting of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, Article VII, currently provides for administrative fees for towing; and

**WHEREAS,** the City's administrative costs in administering the vehicle and traffic enforcement program has significantly increased; and

**WHEREAS,** it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Stamford to increase the fees for vehicle towing and booting to cover the higher costs.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Section 231-68 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE VII. - TOWING AND BOOTING FEES

Sec. 231-68. - Administrative towing and booting fees.

<u>A.</u> Whenever a vehicle is towed in the City of Stamford, the tower shall collect from the owner of said vehicle, in addition to other charges required or authorized by law, an administrative fee of <u>fifty dollars (\$50)</u>thirty-five (\$35) dollars before the vehicle is released to its owner. The tower shall pay the administrative fee to the City of Stamford within fifteen (15) days of collection. The towing fee shall be waived: (a) for vehicles towed as the result of equipment failure; (b) for vehicles towed for reasons other than in response to an order of a city official or a city employee; (c) for vehicles involved in an accident in which the driver is not ticketed by a police officer.

B. Whenever a vehicle is booted in the City of Stamford, the City or the booting company shall collect from the owner of said vehicle, in addition to other charges required or authorized by law, a booting charge equal to the cost of the charge incurred by the city from any company providing such service, but not more than two hundred dollars (\$200), plus a fee for the City's administrative costs of fifty dollars (\$50) before the vehicle is released to the owner.

<u>C. If the owner of a booted car fails to pay the required charges and fines within twenty-four (24) hours, the City may remove the boot and tow the vehicle. In such a case, the owner shall be responsible for both the applicable booting and towing fees.</u>

This ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.