

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ, ORDINANCE NO. 15-2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 350 GOVERNING TOWING - DEFINITIONS

WHEREAS, City of Northfield Code Section 350-2 governs Definitions for Towing in the City of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Northfield desires to amend Section 350-2; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Section 350-2 of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text stricken):

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

§ 350-2. Definitions.

ABANDONED

Automobiles, trucks or any other motor vehicles that are left unattended for a period of time which would represent a violation of Chapter 357, Abandoned Vehicles, of the City of Northfield and New Jersey state statutes.

CITY

The City of Northfield.

COMPOUND

An enclosed area suitable for the parking and storage of automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles.

DOLLY-WHEELS

A portable device with wheels that is used in combination with a tow truck to transport automobiles, trucks or motor vehicles.

ILLEGALLY PARKED

Any automobile, motor vehicle, truck or bus that is parked in a fashion or in a place that is in violation of any parking ordinance of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic or State of New Jersey.

LICENSED TOWING OPERATOR

A towing operator that has complied with all provisions of this chapter and whose name appears on the list of licensed towing operators maintained by the Clerk of the City of Northfield.

MOTOR VEHICLE

All vehicles propelled otherwise than by muscular power, except such vehicles as those that run exclusively on tracks. This term shall also include motorcycles, ~~and mopeds,~~ motorized bicycles and low-speed electric bicycles as defined in NJ Rev Stat § 39:1-1, et seq.

OMNIBUS

All motor vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for hire, including those used for the transportation of schoolchildren.

OPERATOR

Any person who is in actual physical control of an automobile, truck or motor vehicle.

PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE

Any automobile used and designed for the transportation of passengers.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Real property owned by any person, partnership, firm or corporation and now owned by the City of Northfield or any other governmental body.

RESPONSE FEE

The monetary charge for the presence of a tow truck and operator where no towing service or road service is conducted or supplied.

ROAD SERVICE

Providing routine minor maintenance items, refueling or supplying equipment to automobiles, trucks or motor vehicles that are disabled or otherwise inoperable, including calls to assist persons locked out of their motor vehicles.

TOWING OPERATOR

A person, firm, corporation or other business entity engaged in the business of transporting disabled, wrecked or otherwise immobile motor vehicles, automobiles or trucks by means of tow trucks or other means.

TOWING SERVICE and/or TOWING

The providing of transportation of automobiles, trucks or motor vehicles that, as a result of accident, collision, breakdown, abandonment or otherwise, are unable to be moved under their own power. The term "towing service" also includes the transportation of illegally parked, police-impounded or abandoned automobiles, trucks or motor vehicles.

TOW TRUCK

A motor vehicle specifically designed, constructed, used or maintained for the safe transportation of automobiles, trucks or motor vehicles.

TRUCK

Every motor vehicle designed, used or maintained primarily for the transportation of property. This includes delivery vans and pickup trucks.

VEHICLE

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, except devices powered by human power or operated on stationary tracks.

WINCHING SERVICES

Providing the use of the mechanical cable device attached to a tow truck to move or transport any vehicle where the actual towing of the vehicle does not take place.

REPEALER: All Ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent in whole or in part with the provisions contained herein are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SEVERABILITY: If any portion of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on August 31, 2026 and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said Council held on September 15, 2026 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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