

**CITY OF SALISBURY
ORDINANCE NO. 1988**

AN ORDINANCE of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Salisbury to amend Section 5.64.070 of the Salisbury Municipal code to allow 30 minutes for a towing company to respond to a request for dispatch of a towing vehicle.

WHEREAS, Section 5.64.070 of the Salisbury Municipal Code establishes the procedure for dispatching towing vehicles at the request of the Salisbury City Police Department;

WHEREAS, Section 5.64.070 requires that a towing company respond to a request for towing the vehicle within 20 minutes after the request is made;

WHEREAS, due to the increase in the volume of traffic and the extension of the boundaries of the City of Salisbury, the owners of towing companies have expressed a desire to increase the maximum response time.

WHEREAS, the Salisbury City Police Department has determined that an increase in response time from 20 minutes to 30 minutes will not have an adverse affect on the health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the City of Salisbury.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to increase the response time for towing vehicles to 30 minutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, in regular session, that Section 5.64.070 of the Salisbury Municipal Code be amended as set forth below:

5.64.070 Procedure for dispatching of towing vehicles.

The ~~city treasurer~~ Director of Finance shall furnish the police department current lists of all duly licensed towing operators. Whenever the service of a towing vehicle shall be required and a request is made to the police department for providing such services, the police department shall have dispatched, to the place where the services are required, a vehicle operated by that towing operator, whose license was first obtained and then request subsequent towing vehicles as needed on a chronological and rotating basis. If a towing vehicle is not available, the next operator listed chronologically shall be called. If a towing vehicles does not arrive at the scene of the collision, parking violation or accident within ~~twenty (20) minutes~~ thirty (30) minutes after the request is made, the officer at the scene shall notify the police department of such fact. It shall contact the next towing company, etc., as if the first towing company had not been contacted. Consideration will be given, however, to abnormal traffic patterns that result from adverse weather conditions, emergencies or other causes. Upon arriving at the scene of an accident, the towing operator shall immediately remove the disabled vehicle to his storage lot or other location and notify the police officer of the location of the storage. In the event a disabled vehicle cannot promptly and efficiently be removed from the scene of an accident, the towing operator may have the police department call the next-listed licensee to assist in such removal. A

towing operator shall be required to release disabled vehicles during the regular business day. No person shall, in any way, solicit for towing business, nor shall any person attempt to take any vehicle in tow unless he or it shall have been summoned by the person involved in the accident or the police department. (Ord. 1840 §3, 2002).

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the ____ day of _____, 2006, and having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council on the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Brenda J. Colegrove, City Clerk

Michael P. Dunn,
President of the Council of
the City of Salisbury

Approved by me, this _____
day of _____, 2006.

Barrie P. Tilghman,
Mayor of the City of Salisbury