

ORDINANCE NO. 2005- 6.

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING, DEFINING AND AUTHORIZING,
COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF VEHICLE IMPOUND FEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport is empowered to collect charges for use of City owned property; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Rockport impounds vehicles for cause in accordance with state law, local ordinance and Police Department policy; and,

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to reasonably protect vehicles and the property contained therein, while in the custody of the Rockport Police; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rockport deems it necessary to define what constitutes an impounded vehicle and the fees associated..

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA:**

SECTION ONE: The Rockport Police Department may impound vehicles for cause in accordance with Police Department policy, Indiana State Laws and Local Ordinances. Every vehicle impounded by the Police Department shall be inventoried and the contents of said vehicle shall be listed on a Police Department Impound form in accordance with Police Department policy.

SECTION TWO: The Rockport Police Department may contact a vehicle recovery service to transport the impounded vehicle to the Rockport Police garage. The impounding officer shall complete or cause to be completed an inventory of the impounded vehicles contents and provide documentation to same, on approved department forms. An officer shall have discretion in regards to the transportation of the vehicle and the location of the inventory of contents. The impounded vehicle shall be secured in the Police Department garage upon completion of transportation and inventory.

SECTION THREE: The Rockport Police Department shall store an impounded vehicle for a period of 48 hours. The registered owner or owners agent may obtain the vehicle from the Police Department garage during this 48 hour period. The registered owner or owners agent shall ensure compliance with all State and Local laws before the vehicle may be released from the Police Departments custody.

SECTION FOUR: The owner or owners agent shall provide payment for the vehicle recovery service charges to the Rockport Police Department at which time a receipt shall be issued. An impound fee of twenty (\$20.00) shall be assessed to the owner

or owners agent and shall be paid to the Rockport Police Department. The impound fee shall be paid and a receipt issued at the time the impounded vehicle is released. The twenty (\$20.00) collected shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund.

SECTION FIVE: An impounded vehicle may be released to the vehicle recovery service after 48 hours from the time of impound has elapsed. The impound fee may be collected by the vehicle recovery service after the impounded vehicle has been released to the recovery service, at which time the vehicle recovery service shall forward the impound fee to the City of Rockport.

SECTION SIX: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect and be enforced upon its passage and due publication according to law.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA. This the _____ day of June, 2005.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROCKPORT, INDIANA

DuWayne Keenan, President

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ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer

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