

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 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 City 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 may, at the officer's discretion, be secured in the Police Department garage upon completion of transportation and inventory.

SECTION THREE: The Rockport Police Department shall employ a vehicle recovering service to transport and secure an impounded vehicle upon the completion of inventorying of an impounded vehicle. The registered owner or owner's agent shall ensure compliance with all state and local laws before the vehicle may be released from the Police Department's custody.

SECTION FOUR: The owner or owner's 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 \$50.00 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 \$50.00 collected shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund.

SECTION FIVE: 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.

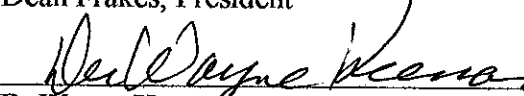
SECTION SIX: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect and be enforced upon its passage and due publication according to law.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA. This the 24th, day of May, 2006.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROCKPORT, INDIANA



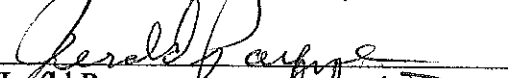
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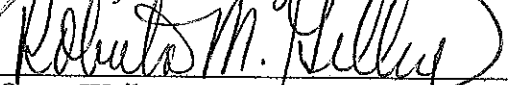
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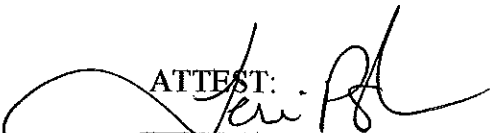
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ATTEST: 

Clerk-Treasurer

Beth A. Packer, Mayor