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**ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE NO. 6 - 2014**

**ADMINISTRATION BILL NO. 6 - 2014**

**INTRODUCED – MAY 13, 2014**

**ADOPTED BY COUNCIL – MAY 27, 2014**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 285 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER - ARTICLE 17 – TOWING, WITH A NEW SECTION ARTICLE 17 – TOWING CONTAINING SECTIONS 285-135 THROUGH 285-157; WHICH ARTICLE PROVIDES FOR THE SHORT TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE, AND FOR THE CITY’S AUTHORITY TO REMOVE AND IMPOUND VEHICLES, ESTABLISHES DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISHES ANNUAL LICENSES FOR PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND EVIDENCE TOWING, SETS FORTH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR TOWING LICENSES, ESTABLISHES A TOWING ROTATION FOR THE HOLDERS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOWING LICENSES, ESTABLISHES GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, ESTABLISHES A SERIES OF PROHIBITED ACTS REGARDING SERVICES RENDERED BY TOWING COMPANIES, ESTABLISHES A MAXIMUM FEE SCHEDULE FOR TOWING SERVICES AND STORAGE FEES, SETS FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL OF VEHICLES, REQUIRES TOWING COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF VEHICLES TOWED OR STORED, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, ESTABLISHES PROVISIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE PAYMENT OF TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES WITHOUT PROTEST, REQUIRES THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF VEHICLES REMOVED AND IMPOUNDED, PROVIDES OWNER/OPERATOR LIABILITY FOR FINES AND PENALTIES, ESTABLISHES REMOVAL TIME LIMITATIONS AND A PROCEDURE FOR RENDERING COMPLAINTS AGAINST LICENSED TOWING COMPANIES, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURES FOR THE TERMINATION OF A LICENSE, PROVIDES FOR IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ARTICLE, AND PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. THIS ORDINANCE FURTHER PROVIDES FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES, THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE AND THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the City

Council of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania Chapter 285 – Vehicles and Traffic, Article XVII – Towing, be and hereby is repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Article XVII as set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto containing Sections 285 -135 through Section 285 – 157.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION 3. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance; it being the intent of the City of Lancaster that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with Pennsylvania law.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, by the Council of the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LANCASTER

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Janet Spleen, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
J. Richard Gray, Mayor