

Ohio Revised Code

Section 4513.68 Estimates of costs before towing.

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- (A) If a towing service is removing a motor vehicle, and the removal was not authorized under section 4513.60, 4513.601, 4513.61, or 4513.66 of the Revised Code, prior to removing the motor vehicle, the towing service shall provide a written estimate of the price for the removal to the operator of the motor vehicle unless the operator is incapacitated, seriously injured, or otherwise unavailable to accept the estimate. The towing service shall not submit such an estimate to any repair facility or storage facility to which the motor vehicle is transported unless the operator of the motor vehicle meets one of the conditions specified above.
- (B) The towing service shall ensure that any estimate provided under division (A) of this section includes the fees, services to be rendered, and destination of the vehicle.
- (C) If a towing service fails to provide a written estimate as required by this section, the towing service shall not charge fees for the towing and storage of the motor vehicle that exceed twenty-five per cent of the fees authorized under division (G)(1)(b) of section 4513.601 of the Revised Code for a motor vehicle removed from a private tow-away zone.
- (D) Any storage facility that accepts towed vehicles shall conspicuously post a notice at the entrance to the storage facility that states the limitation on fees established under division (C) of this section.