

pay the further sum of five dollars covering the license for the then current year, and thereafter shall pay each year the sum of ten dollars for a renewal of the license. A certified copy of the license must be carried in each towing vehicle when in use, and such copies may be obtained on payment of a fee of one dollar each.

18-35. Charges.

(a) Every person engaged in towing disabled vehicles shall, at the time of his application for a license, file with the [Director] Chief of [public safety] Police a schedule setting forth his charges for towing and for any services incident to towing.

(b) Such charges may be measured by mileage, time and type of service and stated clearly on the application for a towing license filed by the person engaged in the towing business; and the charges there stated shall not be changed without the filing with the [Director] Chief of [public safety] Police of an amended schedule showing the changes proposed. The [Director] Chief of [public safety] Police, upon receiving any such proposed schedule of changes, shall have the authority to reject it when the charges proposed are, in his opinion, excessive for the service to be performed. In such cases, he shall return the proposed schedule to the person engaged in the towing business, with suitable notification of his reasons for rejecting it.

18-37. [Director of Traffic Engineering] Chief of Police.

The [Director] Chief of [public safety] Police of Baltimore County shall retain in his office a current list of all the duly licensed towing operators. Whenever the services of a towing vehicle shall be required and a request is made to the [director's office] Chief of Police for the providing of such services the [director] Police Chief, or his representative, shall have dispatched to the place where the services are required a vehicle operated by that towing operator whose place of business is closest to the scene of the accident. In the event the towing operator who is closest to the scene of the accident does not then have a towing vehicle available for service, the [director] Police Department shall call the next closest towing operator and so on until a towing vehicle has been secured. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as interfering, in any way, with the right of any person to call a towing operator of his own choice to send a towing vehicle to the scene of an accident; provided, however, that such disabled vehicle shall not be removed except in compliance with Sections 18-33(a) of this subtitle; unless the vehicle is obstructing traffic, in which event the Department of [public safety] Police Department shall remove the vehicle, as herein provided, from the scene, which removal shall subject the owner thereof to the fees prescribed in Section 18-43 of this subtitle. Provided, however, that no person, firm or corporation shall, in any way, solicit for towing business, nor shall any person, firm or corporation attempt to take any vehicle in tow unless he or it shall have been summoned for that purpose by the [Director] Chief of [Public Safety] Police or unless he or it shall have been summoned by the person involved in an accident.

18-39. Rules and regulations.

The [Director] Chief of [public safety] Police shall have the power to make and enforce any and all reasonable regulations to effectuate the purposes of this subheading.

18-42. Surety bonds.

Every person who shall be licensed in the towing business, under the provisions of this subheading, shall be required to file with the [Director]