

**BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH
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MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Following was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Union Beach, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on March 19, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Municipal Building, 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach on April 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE 2025-354:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 (POLICE REGULATIONS) OF THE BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND CHAPTER 3-9.16. CALL LIST FOR WRECKERS § 3-9.16. Call List.

To protect the safety and welfare of the general public and to ensure that disabled vehicles are quickly, efficiently, and carefully removed from the borough roadways, the borough council shall establish, and may amend from time to time, a call list of wreckers who may perform towing service for the borough. Such wreckers are to be called, in rotation, by a member of the police department in the event the owner or driver of disabled vehicle is unable, or fails, to indicate a designated wrecker to remove the disabled vehicle. A current copy of the call list shall be provided to the chief of police, who shall ensure that all members of the police department are made aware of the list. Copies of the call list shall be available for inspection by the public at the offices of the borough clerk and the borough police department. To be eligible for inclusion in the call list, a wrecker shall:

- a. Hold a current and valid wrecker's license issued under the terms of this chapter.
- b. Comply with the requirements of subsection 3-9.11 hereof that the requisite insurance policies specifically name the borough as an insured party.
- c. Be owned and operated by a person who is engaged in the business of operating wreckers, or who has a wrecker's business permanently situated, and readily available, within the following communities that border the Borough of Union Beach: Borough of Union Beach, Middletown, Hazlet, Keyport, Keansburg. limits, or within a two-mile radius of its borders.

The borough council may make such reasonable regulations concerning the call list as are necessary to expedite and facilitate the rendition of services described herein, including procedures which ensure that all wreckers on the call list are summoned on a nondiscriminatory basis in rotating order; however, the police officer who responds to an emergency call has the discretion to deviate from the rotating list to address a public safety hazard. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the borough council may adopt such equitable and reasonable procedures as it deems necessary, taking into account the fact that not all wreckers appearing on the call list have the mechanical capability of responding to, or dealing with, all conditions and types of disabled vehicles.

In the case of a disabled vehicle obstructing traffic, or likely to create a traffic hazard, the police officer in charge shall have the right to summon a wrecker from the call list, notwithstanding the expressed desire of the owner or operator of the disabled vehicle that a specific wrecker be summoned, if, in the opinion of such officer, the wrecker requested will not be able to respond to the call in sufficient time to ensure the public safety and efficient flow of traffic.

- d. The call list specified in this section shall provide that each respective wrecker licensee shall be on call to the exclusion of all other wrecker licensees for one week at a time to commence at 12:00 midnight Sunday morning and end at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday morning at which time the next wrecker on the list shall be on call for the next one-week period, and this rotation shall continue each week thereafter until all wrecker licensees have had the opportunity and then the rotation starts over. If for any reason a wrecker licensee cannot provide coverage that week or any part of that week, it will be wrecker licensee's sole responsibility to arrange for other coverage.

Ordinance No. 2025-354 was introduced on First Reading by Councilman Wicki and seconded by Councilman Andreuzzi and approved by the Roll Call Vote.

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