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Rule 8.2 and 8.4 (Adopted 04-17-02)

8.2 Each application for a towing business license shall be accompanied by a license fee of eighty-five dollars (\$85). Each application for a tow vehicle safety permit shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-four ~~five~~ dollars (\$24) ~~(\$25)~~ or two dollars (\$2.00) per permit, per month for remaining months to allow the renewal of a non-consent permit to expire at time of Non-consent Towing Business License and a consent permit to expire all in one month, each according to the month the initial permit was issued resulting in one annual renewal for each operator. Lost or destroyed tow vehicle safety permits will require the purchase of replacement permits at the current permit fee. Once a Towing Business License and/or Tow Vehicle Safety Permit have been issued, fees are non-refundable.

8.4 (A) The initial Consent Tow Vehicle Safety Permit issued to a member of the towing industry for a designated tow vehicle shall expire one year from the month in which it was issued, each subsequent permit issued to that operator shall expire in the same month as the initial tow safety permit issued and annually thereafter, until such time the tow vehicle for which the Consent Permit was issued changes ownership or is otherwise removed from service by the business. Consent Permits are not transferable from one vehicle to another, or from one owner of the vehicle to another.

(B) The initial Non-consent Tow Vehicle Safety Permit issued to a member of the towing industry for a designated tow vehicle shall expire in the same month as the Towing Business License, and each subsequent permit issued to that operator shall expire in same month as the expiration Towing Business License, and annually thereafter, until such time the tow vehicle for which the permit was issued changes ownership or is otherwise removed from service by the business. Non-consent permits are not transferable from one vehicle to another, or from one owner of the vehicle to another.

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board the need to reduce the time and cost of the application process for members of the towing industry who might have to cease operation until completion of the application process, and

WHEREAS, it is recognized by the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board the need to reduces the scheduling conflicts and pressures of tow vehicles inspections for law enforcement and members of the towing industry.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby found by the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board that these amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board shall be effective the first day of the Month, immediately following the adoption to prevent imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare.

Bold – Added, *Italic* – deleted



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Summary of Substantive Changes

The changes in Rule 8.2 and 8.4 will not have a major impact on members of the towing industry, law enforcement agencies, or the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board; the impact would be as follows:

- 1) The change will reduce the annual fee paid for a Tow Vehicle Safety Permit by one dollar (\$1.00), per tow vehicle operated, for each member of the towing industry and allow each operator to renew all License and permits, once a year instead of the current multiple renewal dates method.
- 2) This change will reduce the current scheduling conflicts and pressures of tow vehicles safety inspections for law enforcement agencies.
- 3) The Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board will loose anticipated revenues of approximately \$1600.00, however the anticipated reduction of the costs of operation in postage, office supplies and man-hours to process the application, will more than offset any loss of anticipated revenues.

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