

Harris County Tow Truck Permit

Application

I request that I be issued a Harris County Wrecker Permit for Law Enforcement tows from Law Enforcement Scenes in the unincorporated areas of Harris County. I acknowledge if I am issued a Permit, it is the property of the HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. I understand that the Permit can be suspended or revoked by this Office at any time for just cause. I agree to abide by the Harris County Tow Truck Ordinance for Law Enforcement Towing and Storage Services. If this Permit(s) is not renewed by January 31st, I agree to surrender the Permit(s) to the Vehicular Crimes Division by the close of business on January 31st. If January 31st falls on a weekend, the Permit(s) must be surrendered by close of business the next working day. I understand that failure to do so will subject me to Administrative action and/or criminal charges being filed against me.

Name of Wrecker Company: _____

Company Phone Number: _____

FULL Address: _____ city _____ zip _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Name of Company Owner: _____

LLC/INC/DBA/Partner (if different from above): _____

Owner Contact #'s: Cell: _____ Work: _____ Other: _____

I hereby swear/affirm that the questions I have completed on page 1-4 of this application are true and correct. I am aware that any misrepresentation of fact or falsification of any answer made by me will subject the disapproval of this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TOW TRUCK COMPANY OWNER OR INCORPORATED INFORMATION:

OWNER/ PRESIDENT/ CEO-

Primary Owner:

Last First Middle

Home Address City State Zip

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ DL: _____ SSN: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ Other Contact #: _____

Business Partner:

Last First Middle

Home Address City State Zip

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ DL: _____ SSN: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ Other Contact #: _____

PERSON IN CHARGE OF WRECKER(S): (if different from above)

_____ AKA: _____

First Last

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____/____ DL: _____ SSN: _____

CELL: _____ OTHER # : _____

All people listed must pass a Criminal History Check

Attach a copy of State Operator License(s)

Vehicle Storage Facility

HARRIS COUNTY APPROVED STORAGE LOTS:
The below ADDRESS is listed on the TOW TRUCK (S).

STORAGE LOT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORAGE LOT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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OTHER STORAGE LOTS THAT YOU USE WHOSE ADDRESS IS ALSO ON YOUR TOW TRUCK (S).

STORAGE LOT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORAGE LOT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Required Paperwork/Identification on Tow Trucks

The application must be in the name of the Company owner. This is the person that the Permit(s) will be issued to. The Company name is listed on the Tow Truck Cab Card issued by TDLR. The Company name with complete phone number must be on both sides of the front doors in minimum 3” letters. The company’s city and state must also be on both front doors in minimum 2” letters. The name and city and state of the wrecker owner found on the Registration Receipt must be on both sides of the wrecker in minimum 2” letters. If all of these documents are in the same name, you do not have to display them more than once. All other required markings must be in minimum 2” letters. Emergency lights (light bar) must be mounted as high and as wide as possible. No additional lighting is allowed including “Wig-wag” headlights or alternately flashing “strobe kits”.

*To be in compliance with any restrictions of the "Move Over Law" you **shall** be equipped with the required lights on your tow truck under Section 547 in the Transportation Code.*

Signage must be in contrasting colors, and clearly visible at 50 feet during normal daylight hours (Ordinance II.i.c). No, ghost type signage will be approved.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** All Tow Truck Company Owner(s) must be present during initial truck inspections.

REQUIRED PAPERWORK

1. Completed application signed by the company owner.
2. Business card and wrecker invoice.
3. **Original CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE** listing all vehicles and driver(s).
4. DBA and/or Incorporated paperwork. A letter of authorization is needed if you are displaying another company’s name.
5. T.D.L.R. Tow Truck Certificate of Registration & Cab Card
6. Tow Truck Registration receipt only.
7. Storage Lot letters. (two (2) copies per Lot)
8. Photo identification and license (owner and driver’s)
9. **MANDATORY** – You must have an email address for correspondence and updates. Please provide more than one phone number.

The Certificate of Insurance/ACORD must identify all Tow Trucks and Drivers to be permitted and show the below as the **Certificate Holder**. This must be an ORIGINAL, NOT A FAX.

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Attn: Vehicular Crimes Division
1200 Baker St. Houston, Texas, 77002

Permit Cost

Feb	\$	580.00		
Mar	\$	532.00		
Apr	\$	484.00		
May	\$	436.00		
June	\$	388.00		
July	\$	340.00		
Aug	\$	292.00		
Sept	\$	244.00		
Oct	\$	196.00		
Nov.	\$	148.00	or	new \$ 728.00
Dec.	\$	100.00	or	new \$ 680.00
Jan.	\$	48.00	or	new \$ 628.00

Note: Permits expire every year on January 31st. Permits for the next year may be purchased as early as November if available.

Only CASHIER'S CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS are accepted at time of inspection.

Other Cost information:

Tow Truck Identification Card: \$30.00 money order only

Chip or Permit replacement: \$60.00 money order only