



Business Name  
Business Address Line  
City, State ZIP

June 29, 2015

*Re: Tow Truck Drop Fees in the City of Denver*

Dear business owners,

Recently, you may have seen the news coverage of the service charge assessed when an owner of a vehicle parked on private property in Denver arrives on-scene before the vehicle is towed and terminates the towing service. This service charge is more commonly known as a “drop fee,” and the investigation revealed that many companies were overcharging the allowable drop fee and violating Denver Revised Municipal Code (“D.R.M.C”) 55-178(7) for illegal towing.

This letter serves as a reminder that it is illegal for a public towing service to require an owner or custodian of a vehicle to pay more than **fifteen dollars (\$15.00)** in drop fees when the vehicle is being towed from a private parking lot in Denver. The Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) sets a maximum drop fee of \$70.00; however, the PUC also allows local authority to set a different maximum as long as it does not exceed the PUC. In Denver, the maximum amount of drop fee is \$15.00.

With the foregoing in mind, we advise that you and your employees comply with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to your business, including D.R.M.C. 55-178(7). Any drop fee charged in excess of \$15.00 in Denver may result in criminal prosecution with maximum penalties of one year in jail and \$999.00 in fines.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Scott Martinez  
City Attorney