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TEXAS - VTS CLASSIC USERS ONLY!

Daily Storage Rate Increase - Effective November 1, 2021

On October 5, 2021, the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation adopted amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code, Section 86.455, changing the maximum amount that towing companies can charge for private property tows starting on November 1, 2021.

The Commission also adopted amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code, Section 85.722, changing the allowable impoundment fee and daily storage fee that vehicle storage facilities can charge starting on November 1, 2021.

Effective November 1, 2021 and going forward, operators of Texas-based Vehicle Storage Facilities (VSF) are eligible to increase the daily storage charge for impounded vehicles (Under 25 feet) from \$20.64 per day, to \$21.03 per day. Vehicles above 25 feet in length the daily rate increases to \$36.80. In addition, the impoundment fee currently set at \$20.64 per day, increases to \$21.03 per impound.

Below you will find directions on how to change your current fee structure within VTS Classic, the PC version of VTS Systems towing and vehicle storage software. If you are operating the web-based, VTS CLOUD program it will automatically update to the new fee structure at midnight October 31, 2021.

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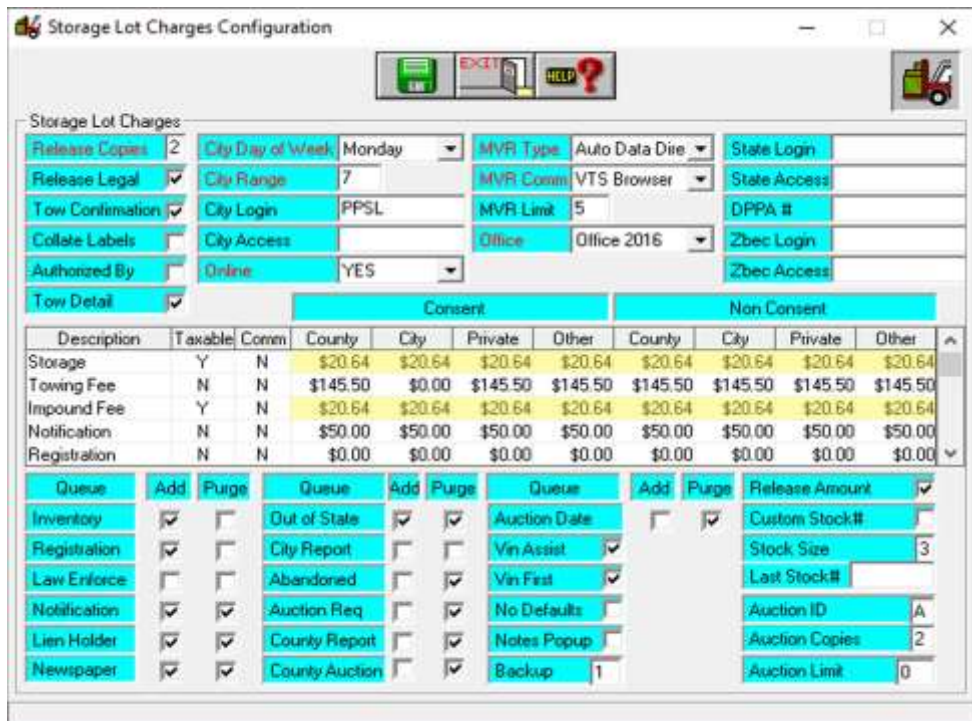
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To effect the required changes to your PC based VTS Classic, towing and storage lot management software, you must have either owner or administrator privileges. Begin by logging into the program using your TDLR VSF license number and existing password, once activated, follow the directions below:

- Using the menu bar, locate and select "Setup"
- From the drop-down window, select "System"
- From the drop-down window which opens to the right, select "Storage Lot Charges"
- The following window will appear (Note: Storage charges shown highlighted)



Storage Lot Charges Configuration

Storage Lot Charges:

Release Copies	2	City Day of Week	Monday	MVR Type	Auto Data Dire	State Login				
Release Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Range	7	MVR Comm	VTS Browser	State Access				
Tow Confirmation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Login	PSSL	MVR Limit	5	DPPA #				
Collate Labels	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Access		Office	Office 2016	Zbec Login				
Authorized By	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online	YES			Zbec Access				
Tow Detail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Consent		Non Consent				
Description	Taxable	Comm	County	City	Private	Other	County	City	Private	Other
Storage	Y	N	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64
Towing Fee	N	N	\$145.50	\$0.00	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50
Impound Fee	Y	N	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64	\$20.64
Notification	N	N	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Registration	N	N	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Queue Add Purge Queue Add Purge Queue Add Purge Release Amount

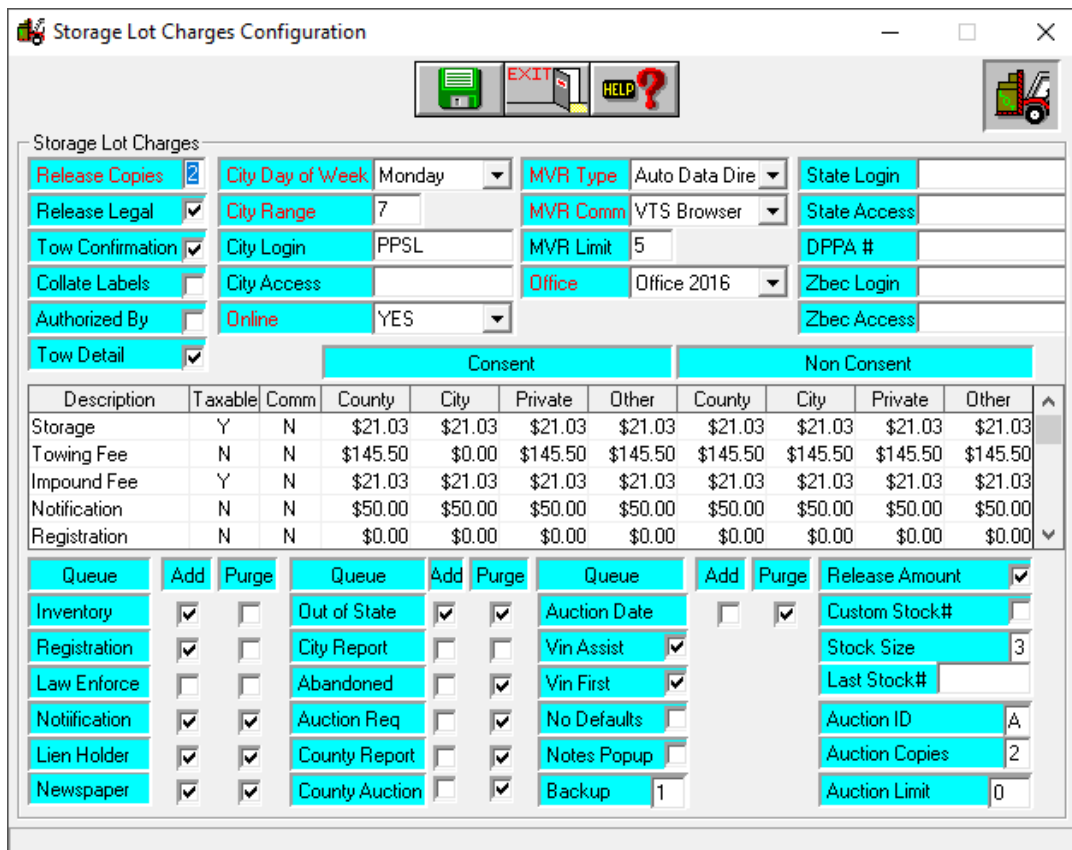
Inventory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auction Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Custom Stock#
Registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vin Assist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Stock Size
Law Enforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abandoned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vin Fast	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Last Stock#
Notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auction Req	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Defaults	<input type="checkbox"/>		Auction ID
Lien Holder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notes Popup	<input type="checkbox"/>		Auction Copies
Newspaper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Auction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Backup	1		Auction Limit

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- Following the sample template above and using the mouse, locate the Storage Lot charges line and beginning under the word County, change the \$20.64 to \$21.03 and press enter. Ignoring the headers of City, Private, Others etc. continue across the line of boxes, changing each box to read \$21.03. (See template below, and the yellow highlighted areas)
- Next, locate the Impound Fee, and amend each of the boxes to read \$21.03 as shown in the template below
- Next, click the Green save icon and return to your normal operating mode.



The screenshot shows the 'Storage Lot Charges Configuration' window. It contains several configuration fields and a table of charges.

Storage Lot Charges Configuration Fields:

- Release Copies: 2
- City Day of Week: Monday
- MVR Type: Auto Data Dire
- State Login: [Empty]
- Release Legal:
- City Range: 7
- MVR Comm: VTS Browser
- State Access: [Empty]
- Tow Confirmation:
- City Login: PPSL
- MVR Limit: 5
- DPPA #: [Empty]
- Collate Labels:
- City Access: [Empty]
- Office: Office 2016
- Zbec Login: [Empty]
- Authorized By: [Empty]
- Online: YES
- Zbec Access: [Empty]
- Tow Detail:

Charges Table:

Description	Taxable	Comm	Consent				Non Consent			
			County	City	Private	Other	County	City	Private	Other
Storage	Y	N	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03
Towing Fee	N	N	\$145.50	\$0.00	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50	\$145.50
Impound Fee	Y	N	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03	\$21.03
Notification	N	N	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Registration	N	N	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Queue Configuration:

Queue	Add	Purge	Queue	Add	Purge	Queue	Add	Purge	Release Amount
Inventory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auction Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Custom Stock#
Registration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vin Assist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stock Size
Law Enforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abandoned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vin First	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Last Stock#
Notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auction Req	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No Defaults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auction ID
Lien Holder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notes Popup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auction Copies
Newspaper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Auction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Backup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Auction Limit



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- Note: The new fee structure does not legally take effect until November 1, 2021, therefore, make sure your PC clock is reading the correct time and **DO NOT CHANGE** your VTS fee structure before 11:50 PM, October 31, 2021, as all existing impounded vehicles will reflect the new \$21.03 pricing at midnight and going forward. All new and existing impounds after midnight October 31, will charge the new one-time impound fee and new daily storage fees.