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Definitions.

- (A) "Advertisement" means any written communication to the public in connection with an offer or sale of any towing service but does not include a listing of a carrier name, address, and telephone number in a yellow or white pages listing, if that is the only information provided in the listing.
- (B) "Boom" means a structural member of a tow truck that extends from a mast to support the load and to hold, extend, or lift a load free of the ground and clear of the tow truck body, and may be operated mechanically or hydraulically.
- (C) "Breaking strength rating" means the maximum weight or load, as established by the manufacturer of the equipment, that equipment can bear under ideal laboratory conditions, without breaking or being damaged.
- (D) "Certificate number" means the identification number issued to a for-hire motor carrier by the commission pursuant to the rules in Chapter 4901:2-21 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (F) "For-hire motor carrier" has the same meaning as in section 4923.01 of the Revised Code.
- (G) "Front axle weight" means that gross axle weight of the front axle.
- (H) "Gross axle weight" means the weight, in pounds, that an individual axle actually weighs. The curb weight of an individual axle.
- (I) "Gross axle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum load carrying capacity of a single axle.
- (J) "Mast" means a structure that houses the boom and winches.
- (K) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4921.01 of the Revised Code.
- (L) "Overhang" means the distance, in inches, from the center of the lift point to the center of the rear axle of the tow truck.
- (M) "Safe towing capacity" means the maximum load that does not cause more than a fifty percent loss of a tow truck's original unloaded front axle weight. Safe towing capacity shall be determined by multiplying one-half of a tow truck's front axle weight by its wheelbase divided by the overhang (one-half times front axle weight, times wheelbase/overhang).

- (N) "Safety device" means a device used as a secondary coupling system to connect the tow truck and towed motor vehicle and to help prevent separation of a towed motor vehicle from the tow truck.
- (O) "Storage facility" means any place to which such a for-hire motor carrier delivers a motor vehicle towed pursuant to sections 4513.60, 4513.601, 4513.602, 4513.61, and 4513.66 of the Revised Code.
- (P) "Thimble" means a shield to protect a cable at a hook assembly.
- (Q) "Tow bar" means a device used to tow a motor vehicle that allows all four wheels to remain on the ground.
- (R) "Tow dolly" means a carriage used to support the wheels of the trailing end of a towed motor vehicle whenever it is necessary to keep the wheels of the towed motor vehicle from touching the road.
- (S) "Tow sling" means a device used to lift and tow a motor vehicle with part of the load supported on rubber belts.
- (T) "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle that is equipped with towing equipment and used in the business of recovering or transporting a disabled, illegally parked, or abandoned motor vehicle, or a motor vehicle involved in an accident.
- (U) "Towing device" means any item including but not limited to a wire rope, chain, cable, hook, or strap used in support of a piece of towing equipment to pull, lift, support, suspend, secure or tow a motor vehicle.
- (V) "Towing equipment" means any mechanism including but not limited to a boom, winch, wheel lift, under lift, tow sling, or tow bar affixed to a tow truck to pull, lift, support, suspend, secure, or tow a motor vehicle.
- (W) "Towing service" has the same meaning as in sections 4513.60, 4513.602, 4513.61, 4513.66, and 4513.67 of the Revised Code.
- (X) "Under lift" means a device used for towing a motor vehicle by lifting with forks one end of the towed motor vehicle from under the axle or other structural member.
- (Y) "Wheelbase" means the distance, in inches, from the centerline of the front axle to the centerline of the rear axle.
- (Z) "Wheel lift" means a device extending from a tow truck and fitted under one set of wheels of a towed motor vehicle to cradle and lift one end of the towed motor vehicle by the wheels.

(AA) "Winch" means a device used to wind or unwind cable that is used to pull, hoist, raise or lower a load.

(BB) "Working load limit" means the maximum weight or load, as established by the manufacturer of the equipment, that equipment can bear under normal operating conditions.

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