

## 72-Hour Parking Violations

### 507.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the Irvine City Ordinance regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code § 22669.

### 507.2 MARKING VEHICLES

Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the City of Irvine 72-Hour Parking Ordinance shall be marked and noted on the Irvine Police Department Abandoned Vehicle Report Form. No case number is required at this time.

A visible chalk mark should be placed on a tire, most commonly the street side tire. Any deviation in markings shall be noted on the Marked Vehicle Card.

**Attempt to Locate the Owner:** The investigating employee should make a good faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

All Abandoned Vehicle Reports shall be submitted to the Operations Support Division for computer data entry.

If a marked vehicle has been moved or the markings have been removed during a 72-hour investigation period, the vehicle may be marked again if necessary for the 72-hour parking violation and Abandoned Vehicle Report should be completed and forwarded to the Traffic Bureau.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance should not be issued at the same time when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation, however, prior marking and citing of a vehicle prior to towing is allowable.

#### 507.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FILE

The Traffic Bureau shall be responsible for maintaining a file for all Abandoned Vehicle Reports.

Parking Enforcement Officers assigned to the Traffic Bureau shall be responsible for the follow up investigation of all 72-hour parking violations noted on Abandoned Vehicle Reports.

#### 507.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

The storage report form shall be submitted to the Records Bureau immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Communications Bureau to immediately notify the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) of the Department of Justice in Sacramento (Vehicle Code § 22851.3(b)). Notification may also be made to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)(Vehicle Code § 22854.5).

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Within 48 hours of the storage of any such vehicle, excluding weekends and holidays, it shall be the responsibility of the Records Bureau to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice to all such individuals shall be sent first-class or certified mail pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22851.3(d).