

## Vehicle Impound Notice

**To be sent by 1st Class mail within 24 hours of impoundment**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

License number	State	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Make	Model	Year
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The vehicle described above, in which you have an apparent ownership interest, is now in the custody of the towing firm listed below. This towing firm impounded the above vehicle at:

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of impoundment \_\_\_\_\_ Time of impoundment \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

By authorization of (person and/or agency) \_\_\_\_\_

### Vehicle processing

- If the vehicle is not redeemed within 120 hours from the time it was impounded it will be declared an abandoned vehicle and will be processed as such and sold at auction to the highest bidder. RCW 46.55
- For suspended driver license impounds, the vehicle is being held at the direction of law enforcement for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- The towing firm (within 5 days of the impound) is requiring payment of a security deposit in an amount up to one-half of the applicable storage rate for the above hold period.

If the security deposit is not paid, the vehicle will be processed as abandoned and sold at auction. The registered owner will be ineligible to purchase the vehicle. The security deposit may be paid up to 24 hours before the auction.

If the driver was also the registered owner of the vehicle they must provide proof from the impounding agency or court of satisfaction of any penalties, fines, or forfeitures, before the vehicle can be redeemed.

### Towing firm information

Name		Business (area code) telephone number			
Street address		City		State	ZIP code
Impound / Recovery / Towing charge \$		Daily rate of storage \$		<b>Fees do not include sales tax</b>	

### Registered owner of record

Name					
Street address		City		State	ZIP code

### Owner of record indicated on report of sale

Name					
Street address		City		State	ZIP code

### Legal owner of record

Name					
Street address		City		State	ZIP code

- Upon payment, related to the removal, towing and storage, an impounded vehicle may be redeemed by any of the following people: the legal owner; the registered owner; the vehicle's insurer; someone authorized in writing by the registered owner; a person determined and verified by the towing firm to have permission of the registered owner; or someone who has purchased the vehicle from the registered owner who produces proof of ownership or written authorization and signs a receipt therefore.
- The vehicle shall be released upon the presentation of commercially reasonable tender, which shall include: cash; major bank credit cards (note that the law provides penalties for stopping payment on credit card charges or using invalid credit cards); personal checks drawn on in-state banks if accompanied by two pieces of valid I.D., one of which may be required to have a photograph (note that the law provides penalties for stopping payment on a check or issuing a check with non-sufficient funds.)
- You have the right to request a hearing in district/municipal court to contest the validity of the impound or the towing and storage fees. Your request for such a hearing must be received by the court within 10 days of the date that you seek to redeem the vehicle and not less than 5 days before the auction. There is a filing fee and the registered tow truck operator will provide you with a hearing request form when you seek to redeem the vehicle.

*The Department of Licensing has a policy of providing equal access to its services. If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 902-3600 or TTY (360) 664-8885.*