

**CHAPTER 307**  
**Impounding Vehicles**

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

Sale of unclaimed vehicles - see Ohio R.C. 737.32, 4513.62 et seq.  
Impounding parked vehicles creating an obstruction - see  
TRAF. 351.01

**307.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND LOCATION OF VEHICLE POUNDS.**

The City Manager is hereby authorized to create vehicle pounds to which vehicles may be removed by police officers or other authorized personnel. Such pounds shall be located at such places as may be directed by the City Manager and may be located at private or commercial parking garages with the facilities for receiving, safeguarding and discharging vehicles.  
(Ord. 67-14. Passed 1-9-67.)

**307.02 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES PARKED UNLAWFULLY.**

Whenever any vehicle, except a bicycle, shall be found in a space where parking is not permitted, or parked in violation of the provisions of this Traffic Code, any member of the Police Division may provide for the removal or conveyance of such vehicle by means of towing or otherwise, to a vehicle pound.  
(Ord. 91-259. Passed 6-18-91.)

**307.03 NOTIFYING OWNER; PAYMENT OF FEES; RELEASE OF VEHICLE.**

It shall be the duty of the police officer impounding or causing to be impounded any vehicle, to inform the owner or any person claiming an impounded vehicle, of the nature and circumstances of the violation for which such vehicle has been impounded. If such owner or other person shall furnish evidence of his identity and ownership, together with a receipt from the Clerk of the Municipal Court or from a member of the Police Division, showing the payment of all fees for the violation of the provisions of this Code, as well as the costs of impounding such vehicle, the impounded vehicle shall be surrendered to him by the police officer or person in charge thereof, who shall take a receipt for the impounded vehicle.  
(Ord. 67-14. Passed 1-9-67.)

**307.04 PROTESTS AGAINST PAYMENT; RELEASE OF VEHICLES; CHARGE AGAINST OWNER.**

In case protest is made against the payment of any impounding or storage fee, the police officer or person in charge of such impounded vehicle shall surrender the impounded vehicle to the claimant, upon satisfactory evidence of the identity and ownership of the person claiming

such impounded vehicle, and upon the furnishing of a bond, in an amount as set by rule of the Municipal Court, by the owner or driver of such vehicle to the Clerk of the Municipal Court or his deputy, conditioned that such owner or driver will appear before the Municipal Court to answer to the violation for which such vehicle has been impounded and it shall thereupon be the duty of the police officer having knowledge of the fact forthwith to institute the proper proceedings in the Municipal Court, charge the owner or the driver of such vehicle with the violation of the ordinance or section of the Codified Ordinances for which the vehicle was impounded.

(Ord. 67-14. Passed 1-9-67.)

**307.05 RECORD KEPT BY POLICE; DISPOSITION OF FEES.**

It shall be the duty of the Police Division to keep a record of the names of all owners of impounded vehicles, the number of their license tags, and the nature and circumstances of each violation, as well as the disposition of each case. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Municipal Court to account for all fees collected under this chapter and pass the same on to the City Treasurer.

(Ord. 67-14. Passed 1-9-67.)