Maricopa Police Department

Information on your Impounded Vehicle

Your vehicle has been impounded by the City of Maricopa Police Department. You may be wondering what to do now. The information enclosed in this brochure will help you.

Why Your Vehicle was Towed/Impounded

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-3511, impoundment is MANDATORY if a person is driving and ANY of the following occurs or applies:

- A person's driving privilege is suspended or revoked for any reason.
- Driver has never been issued a valid driver license or permit by this state and has no proof of having one in another jurisdiction.
- The driver is subject to an ignition interlock device and is driving without that device functioning.
- Driver's license is canceled, suspended or revoked, or never issued, and is not licensed elsewhere, and driver has no insurance, and an accident result in property damage or injury or death of another person.

(References: ARS §§28– 3511-3515, 3473, 3306, 1382, 1383, 4-244 (33)

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Getting Your Vehicle Out of Impound

You have 10 days to request an administrative hearing for early release of your vehicle. The hearing is informal and held by appointment only. Request a hearing at 520-316-6918.

The following may request a hearing for early release: 1) owner on the registration, 2) spouse of the owner; 3) the owner's agent; 4) financial institution with repossession papers filed.

With certain agreements, the vehicle may be released to the spouse.

On or after the 30th day of impound, you must follow these procedures to recover your vehicle. **You cannot just go to the towing company and get your vehicle; you must follow the process stated below.**

1) **Contact the Maricopa Police Department Impound Unit at 520-316-6918. Valid Documentation.** Bring with you a valid driver's license ,valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance. (Note: you may have to go to court or the Motor Vehicle Division first if your license has been suspended, revoked or cancelled., and/or if your vehicle registration is expired or cancelled). **We cannot release your vehicle to you until these documents are valid and current.**

2) **Payment of Fees.** You must pay the $150 administration fee to the City of Maricopa by cash, money order, cashier's or certified check. Personal checks are not accepted.

3) Once you have met all the requirements, you will be given a release form that you must take to the towing company.

4) **At the towing company**, you must pay the towing and storage fees directly to the towing company. You must also present proof of your identity and ownership.

5) **CAUTION: If you do not claim your vehicle within 10 days of the release date (30 days after impoundment), the towing company may file for abandoned title to the vehicle .**

How much will it cost to get my vehicle back?

Arizona law requires the owner to pay for all towing charges as well as storage fees. Storage fees are limited to a maximum of $15.00 per day. These charges are owed to the towing company that removed and stored your vehicle. In addition, the owner is liable to the law enforcement agency for the administrative fees of $150.00.

Administrative Fee
- $150.00 — Payable to the City of Maricopa

Towing Charge
- $150.00 — From the impound site payable to the towing company.

Storage Fee
- $15.00/day — Fee to hold your vehicle. Payable to the towing company for a 30-day period. **This will amount to $450.00.**

Gate Fee
- $30.00 — If you pick up your vehicle at the towing company at a time other than their regular business hours, you will be charged an after-hours fee.

For questions, contact
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