

Stored and Impounded Vehicles

If your vehicle was impounded as a result of being an abandoned vehicle, a traffic hazard, or the driver was arrested for any crime, except for unlicensed driver or suspended driver arrests, the registered owner can bring proper identification to the Police Department between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and, as long as it is currently registered, a release will be issued for a \$60.00 fee. Arrangements can then be made with the tow company to pay their fees and have the vehicle released.

If your vehicle was towed for expired registration, all Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) fees must be paid in full prior to release. Please bring the DMV paperwork and proper identification when you come in for your release. A release will be issued for a \$60.00 fee.

If your vehicle was impounded because it was used in a crime or was evidence in a crime, you will have to contact our Records Division and give them your license number or case number. They will refer you to the officer handling the case.

If your vehicle was impounded because it was being operated by an unlicensed driver or someone driving on a suspended license, it will be held for 30 days (per California Vehicle Code section 14602.6). After 30 days, the registered owner can bring proper identification to the Police Department and as long as it is currently registered with valid insurance coverage, a release will be issued for a fee of \$60.00. Arrangements can then be made with the tow company to pay their fees and have the vehicle released.

In most cases, the 30 day holding period will not be waived. If, however, there are extenuating circumstances, an appointment can be made with the Police Department within 10 days of the vehicle impound and a determination will be made on the hold status.

Appointments can be made by calling (530) 473-2661, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.