

ORDINANCE NO. 2008- 1

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ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROCEDURE FOR
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CHAPTER 98: IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

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WHEREAS, the City of Rockport impounds vehicles for cause in accordance with state law, local ordinance, and Police Department policy; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rockport deems it necessary to define what constitutes an impounded vehicle and the disposition thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA:

98-01 AUTHORITY

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(Ord. 2005-6, passed 6-22-2005; Am. Ord. 2006-7, passed 5-24-2006)

98-02 INVENTORY AND TRANSPORTATION

- (A) Every vehicle impounded by the Police Department shall be inventoried, and its contents shall be listed on a Police Department impounded form in accordance with Police Department policy.
- (B) The arresting office shall complete, or cause to be completed, an inventory of the arrested person's vehicle, if the subject is incarcerated. The vehicle will be inventoried at the scene, unless prevented by weather, in which event the vehicle can be towed to the police garage.
- (C) In the case of a drug arrest, where there is the possibility of a court order for forfeiture, the arresting officer may have the vehicle impounded and have a recovery service tow the vehicle to the police garage.
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98-03 RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

- (A) Upon the completion of the inventory of an impounded vehicle, the Police Department shall employ a vehicle recovery service to transport and secure the impounded vehicle.
- (B) The registered owner or owner's agent shall ensure compliance with all state and local laws before the vehicle may be released from the Police Department's custody. (Ord. 2005-6, passed 6-22-2005; Am. Ord. 2006-7, passed 5-24-2006)

98-04 IMPOUND FEE

- (A) In a case there may be a forfeiture of the vehicle, an impound fee of \$50.00 shall be assessed to the owner or owner's agent and shall be paid to the Police Department.
- (B) The impound fee shall be paid and receipt issued at the time the impound vehicle is released.
- (C) The \$50.00 collected shall be deposited into the Law Enforcement Continuing Education Fund.
- (D) On any vehicle that is towed and as to storage, the vehicle recovery service will be responsible for the collection of fees owed to them.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, INDIANA. This the 17TH day of MARCH, 2008.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ROCKPORT, INDIANA

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