

72-Hour Parking Violations

524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the Red Bluff City Ordinance regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code § 22669.

524.2 MARKING VEHICLES

Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the City of Red Bluff 72-Hour Parking Ordinance shall be marked and noted on the Red Bluff Police Department Red Warning Tag. No case number is required at this time.

A visible chalk mark should be placed on the left rear tire tread at the fender level unless missing tires or other vehicle conditions prevent marking. Any deviation in markings shall be noted on the Red Warning Tag. The investigating employee should make a good faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

All vehicles with a Red Warning Tag on them shall be noted with a log entry and a copy of the log entry shall be forwarded to the Community Service Officers and/or the issuing officer for follow-up.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance shall not be issued when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation.

524.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FILE

Traffic Officer(s) and Community Field Officers shall be responsible for the follow up investigation of all 72-hour parking violations noted on the Marked Vehicle Cards.

524.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report (CHP form 180) shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

The storage report form shall be submitted to the Records Center immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Records Center to immediately notify the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) of the Department of Justice in Sacramento (Vehicle Code § 22851.3(b)). Notification may also be made to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)(Vehicle Code § 22854.5).

Within 48 hours of the storage of any such vehicle, excluding weekends and holidays, it shall be the responsibility of the Records Center to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice to all such individuals shall be sent first-class or certified mail pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22851.3(d).

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524.3 VEHICLE DISPOSAL

If, after 15 days from the notification, the vehicle remains unclaimed and the towing and storage fees have not been paid, and if no request for a post storage hearing has been made, the Department may provide the lienholder storing the vehicle with authorization on an approved DMV form to dispose of any vehicle which the lienholder has determined has an estimated value of \$500 or less. Vehicle Code § 22851.3(h)