

Abandoned Vehicle Violations

506.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the removal, recording and storage of vehicles abandoned in violation of abandoned vehicle laws under the authority of CRS § 42-4-1803, et seq.

506.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Abandoned motor vehicle - A motor vehicle is abandoned if:

- (a) It is on public property and (CRS § 42-4-1802(1)):
 1. Left unattended on a highway right-of-way outside the limits of a town or city for a period of 48 hours or longer.
 2. Left unattended on a highway right-of-way within the limits of a town or city longer than allowed by any local ordinance.
 3. Stored in an impound lot at the request of a law enforcement agency and not removed within 72 hours after notification to the owner that the vehicle is available for release.
 4. Fitted with an immobilization device and deemed to be abandoned.
 5. Left unattended at a regional transportation district parking facility.
- (b) It is on private property and (CRS § 42-4-2102(1)):
 1. Left unattended without consent for at least 24 hours or as established by a local ordinance.
 2. Not removed from an impound lot according to an agreement with the owner.
 3. Towed at the request of a property owner and not removed from the impound lot by the vehicle owner within 48 hours.
 4. Fitted with an immobilization device and deemed to be abandoned.

506.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle impound/storage form shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

506.2.1 VEHICLE STORAGE REPORTING

The vehicle impound/storage form shall be submitted to the Records Division immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Records Division to enter information from the vehicle impound/storage form into the Motor Vehicle Verification System and attempt to notify the owner as specified in the Vehicle Towing and Release Policy.