

CITY OF OAK POINT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OPERATIONAL POLICIES and PROCEDURES

POLICY: 7.17 TOWING OF VEHICLES

REVISED DATE: 11.19.13

I. PURPOSE: To establish lawful procedures for towing, inventory and storage of impounded motor vehicles in a manner that protects the property of citizens and minimizes the potential for claims against the City and its employees for loss or damage to property.

II. POLICY: It is the policy of this Department not to impound motor vehicles or inventory their contents except as is lawful and consistent with the laws of the State of Texas and United States Constitution.

III. AUTHORIZED IMPOUNDS: Vehicles may be impounded only under the following circumstances:

1. The vehicle is reported stolen.
2. The vehicle has been abandoned.
3. The vehicle is on public property and is a traffic hazard or so mechanically unsound as to create a traffic hazard.
4. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and it would be unlawful or unsafe to leave the vehicle where it is.
5. The driver is unable to drive the vehicle and has consented to the impounding of the vehicle for safekeeping.
6. The vehicle is illegally parked on public property.
7. The vehicle constitutes evidence of a crime.
8. The vehicle was used in a crime and is subject to forfeiture.
9. As authorized by a supervisor.

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