

16.30.100 Authority to Tow Vehicles and Establish Hearing Procedures.

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 170923 and 187925, effective September 2, 2016.)

- A. Any parking enforcement officer, police officer, Portland Streetcar Supervisor or Superintendent, or other officer authorized by the City Council or by City Code may order a vehicle towed as provided in this Title.
 - 1. Impoundment of a vehicle does not preclude issuance of a citation for violation of this Title.
 - 2. Stolen vehicles may be towed from public or private property and stored at the expense of the vehicle owner.
- B. The authority to establish procedures in this Title for the disposition of towed vehicles is authorized by Oregon law. Disposition of vehicles towed under authority of this Title must follow the procedures established by this Title.
- C. If any person tows a vehicle from the public streets without authority under the City Code, the City Towing Coordinator may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each vehicle towed to be paid to the City Towing Coordinator and deposited to the City's general fund.

16.30.710 Authority To Move Vehicles.

(Amended by Ordinance No. 175564, effective May 9, 2001.) This Section applies when:

- A. The City has restricted parking in an area on a temporary basis and the signs, barriers, or other notice have been removed by someone other than the owner of the vehicle to be towed so that the vehicle owner has not had notice of the parking restriction;
- B. There is an emergency and a legally parked vehicle must be moved in order to attend to the emergency;
- ~~C. Vehicles are blocking the operation of Portland Streetcar.~~

16.30.720 When a Vehicle May be Moved.

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 175564 and 179141, effective March 23, 2005.) Any vehicle parked on a public right-of-way, or on City of Portland owned or operated property, may be towed according to the provisions of 16.30.730 upon the order of an authorized City official, or designee, without prior notice to the owner of the vehicle, when removal of the vehicle is required:

- A. To provide immediate access for street or utility repair;
- B. To facilitate the operations by fire, police, ambulance, or other emergency personnel or vehicles;

- C. To provide safe clearance for special events such as parades, marches, or motorcades;
- D. To provide clear access for areas specifically reserved by City permit;~~or~~
- ~~E. To provide clear access for operation of the Portland Streetcar.~~