

**ORDINANCE NO. 96-048**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF SEP 1 0 1996

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 30.06.150 TO TITLE 30 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE FOR IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN THE TOWING AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES IMPOUNDED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE VEHICLE CODE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

**SECTION 1. Findings.**

The City Council finds that significant costs are expended by the City of Sacramento in the towing and storage of vehicles. Vehicles are towed and stored by the City of Sacramento pursuant to authority provided in the California Vehicle Code. When these vehicles are towed, police officers and other City employees are required to request a tow truck, await its arrival, complete an inventory of its contents and complete the required forms before it is towed and stored by a tow company.

The City Council finds that the costs and expenses incurred by the City of Sacramento should be borne by the registered owner or agent of the owner, rather than the City of Sacramento and its residents. California Vehicle Code § 22850.5 provides that the City may adopt an ordinance establishing procedures for the release of properly impounded vehicles and for the imposition of a charge equal to the administrative costs relating to the removal, impound, storage or release of the vehicles to be imposed on the registered owner or agent of the owner.

The vehicle release fee shall be imposed upon the registered owner or agents of the owner, and shall be collected prior to release of the vehicle from the storage lot. The vehicle release fee is designed to cover all costs incurred by the City of Sacramento relating to the removal, impound, storage or release of the vehicle and shall be in addition to any other charges imposed pursuant to provisions of the City Code, the California

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Vehicle Code, and tow companies for storage and towing of the vehicle. The Chief of Police or his/her designee is authorized to waive administrative costs imposed pursuant to this section upon verifiable proof submitted by the registered owner or his/her agent that the vehicle had been reported stolen at the time the vehicle was towed.

The Police Department may establish policies and procedures for towing, storage, completion of reports, release of vehicles, conducting tow hearings where the owner contests the vehicle release fee, and collection of the administrative costs imposed pursuant to this ordinance.

## **SECTION 2.**

Section 30.06.150 is hereby added to Title 30 the Sacramento City Code to read as follows:

### **30.06.150 Vehicle Release Fee.**

Pursuant to authority provided in Vehicle Code Section 22850.5, the City of Sacramento adopts and imposes a vehicle release fee, in an amount to be set by resolution of the City Council, for recovery of administrative costs incurred for vehicles towed and/or stored pursuant to the following Vehicle Code sections:

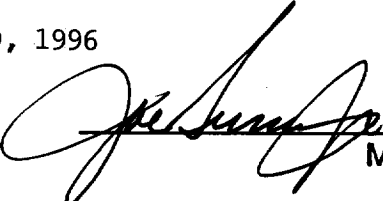
10751	CVC	Altered or removed Vehicle Identification Number
14602.6	CVC	Revoked/Suspended License
22523(a)	CVC	Abandoned on Highway
(b)		Abandoned on Private Property
22651(a)	CVC	Vehicle Left Standing on Bridge
(b)		Vehicle Left Standing on a Highway
22651(d)		Blocking Driveway
(e)		Blocking Fire Hydrant
(f)		Vehicle left on a highway
(h1)		Driver Arrested
(h2)		Notice of Suspension Issued
(i)		Five or More Parking Citations
(j)		No License Plates
(k)		Parked in Excess of 72 Hours
(l)		Vehicle in violation of local ordinances re: construction
(m)		Vehicle in violation of local ordinances permitting removal
(n)		No Parking - Tow-Away Zones
(o)		Registration Expired 6 Months

(p)		Unlicensed Driver
(q)		Vehicle parked on highway in common interest developments, where posted
(r)		Illegally Parked - Blocking Movement
22651.5	CVC	Removal of Vehicles With Activated Audible Alarms
22653(c)	CVC	Driver Arrested - Private Property
22655	CVC	Hit-and-Run or Pursuit/Evading
22655.3		Removal of a Vehicle Evading the Police
22655.5		Removal of a Vehicle involved in a Public Offense
22656	CVC	Removal of a Vehicle From a Railroad Right-of-Way
22669(d)	CVC	Parked - Major Components Missing

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