

## CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE RELEASE

To comply with the conditions of release, a person with right to possession of the vehicle must come to the West Linn Police Department FIRST to get a tow release before calling the tow company.

### TO GET YOUR VEHICLE RELEASED FROM IMPOUND, YOU MUST COME TO THE WEST LINN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND:

1. You must pay \$200 administrative fee to the West Linn Police Department (fee waived for crime victims). Payment can be made with cash (any time) or credit card (8 a.m. ~~4 p.m.~~ M-F, excluding holidays, Visa and MasterCard only).
2. Positive photo identification (State issued driver's license or ID card, or other picture identification).
3. Proof that a person with valid driving privileges will be driving the released vehicle.
4. Proof of ownership. The following exceptions may apply:
  - a. You present VALIDATED TRANSFER DOCUMENTS from DMV that show that you are in the process of transferring interest in the vehicle to you.
  - b. You present a title that has been properly signed and dated within the last 30 days (ORS 803.092), but **PRIOR** to the vehicle having been towed. If the title was signed after the vehicle was towed, or it has been more than 30 days, you must take the title to DMV and obtain proper transfer documents before obtaining a release.
  - c. You present a contract of purchase or other bill of sale from a car dealership on the dealership's letterhead that indicates you purchased the vehicle from that dealership within the last 30 days (ORS 803.092). The letter must also show the DMV fees paid to the dealership.
  - d. You present or have faxed (503.656.0319) to the police department, an original, **NOTARIZED** statement from the legally, registered owner authorizing the release of the vehicle to you.
5. You must have current, unexpired, proof of insurance containing the following information:
  - a. Name of Insurance Company and phone number
  - b. Impounded vehicle listed
  - c. The registered owner's name listed
  - d. The effective and expiration dates of the policy listed

CAUTION!!! – ORS 806.050 states, "Any person convicted of knowingly certifying falsely to the existence of motor vehicle liability insurance....shall be imprisoned for no less than three consecutive days."

Additional information - Pursuant to the Oregon Vehicle Code: Compliance with financial responsibility requirements may be satisfied by one of the following:

1. A motor vehicle liability insurance policy/card issued by an insurance company
2. A bond approved by a judge of a court of records in this state
3. A deposit with the state treasurer
4. A self-insured certificate issued by Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles

## HEARINGS REQUEST

According to the Oregon Revised Statute 809.716, the lawful owner or person entitled to lawful possession of an impounded vehicle, may request a hearing to contest the validity of the impoundment. The request must be made **in writing** within five (5) calendar days of the impoundment.

The request shall be made in writing to:

Impound Hearings Coordinator  
West Linn Police Department  
1800 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
West Linn, OR 97068

The Hearing shall be set for the next available West Linn Municipal Court date. If you request a hearing, the vehicle will be held pending the outcome of the hearing, unless you obtain a vehicle release as outlined above.

The West Linn Police Department shall have the burden of providing by a preponderance of the evidence there were reasonable grounds to believe the vehicle was in violation of a city ordinance which authorizes impoundment, was abandoned or being operated in violation of any of the following Oregon Revised Statutes: 806.010, 811.175, 811.182, 813.010, 807.010, or otherwise has been determined the vehicle is a hazard (819.120).

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