

SEC. 10-5-2 REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES.

Any vehicle in violation of this Chapter shall be removed and impounded until lawfully claimed or disposed of under the provisions of Section 10-5-3.

SEC. 10-5-3 REMOVAL, STORAGE, NOTICE OR RECLAIMER OF ABANDONED VEHICLES.

- (a) **Applicability.** The provisions of this Section shall apply to the removal, storage, notice, reclaimer or disposal of abandoned vehicles as defined in Section 10-5-1.
- (b) **Removal.**
 - (1) Any police officer who discovers any motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or mobile home on any public street or highway or private or public property in the City of Galesville which has been abandoned shall cause the vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of impoundment.
 - (2) Upon removal of the vehicle, the police officer shall notify the Chief of Police or his designee of the abandonment and of the location of the impounded vehicle.
- (c) **Storage and Reclaimer.** Any abandoned vehicle which is determined by the Chief of Police or his designee to be abandoned shall be retained in storage for a period of fourteen (14) days after certified mail notice, as hereinafter provided, has been sent to the Wisconsin titled owner and/or secured party of record with the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Division, except that if the Chief of Police or his designee determines an abandoned vehicle to have a value of less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or that the cost of towing and storage charges for impoundment will exceed the value of the vehicle, it may be junked or sold by direct sale to a licensed salvage dealer after having been retained in storage for a period of seven (7) days and after certified mail notice, as hereinafter provided, has been sent to the Wisconsin titled owner or secured party of record with the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Division, provided that it is first determined that the vehicle is not reported stolen or wanted for evidence or other reason. All substantially complete vehicles in excess of nineteen (19) model years of age shall be deemed as having a value in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Any such vehicle which may be lawfully reclaimed may be released upon the payment of all accrued charges, including towing, storage and notice charges and upon presentation of the vehicle title or other satisfactory evidence to the Chief of Police or his designee to prove an ownership or secured party interest in said vehicle.
- (d) **Notice to Owner or Secured Party.** Certified mail notice, as referred to herein, shall notify the Wisconsin titled owner of the abandoned vehicle, if any, and/or the secured party of record with the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Division, if any, of the following:
 - (1) That the vehicle has been deemed abandoned and impounded by the City of Galesville;
 - (2) The “determined value” of the abandoned vehicle;
 - (3) If the cost of towing and storage costs will exceed the determined value of the vehicle;

- (4) That if the vehicle is not wanted for evidence or other reason, the vehicle may be reclaimed upon the payment of all accrued charges, including towing, storage and notice charges, within fourteen (14) days of the date of notice, unless the vehicle has been determined to have a value less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or that the cost of towing and storage charges for impoundment will exceed the value of the vehicle, in which case the vehicle may be reclaimed within seven (7) days upon the payment of the aforesaid charges; and
- (5) That the owner or aforesaid secured party may, upon request, be granted a hearing relating to the determinations made with respect to said vehicle within the period that such vehicles may be reclaimed.