

Sec. 27-665. - Release of vehicle.

A motor vehicle impounded pursuant to this section shall be released by the city police department, subject to the requirements set forth in subsection (c) below, upon the satisfaction of any one of the following sets of conditions:

- (1) The registered owner appears at the city police department and presents:
  - a. His/her valid driver's license; and
  - b. Evidence of insurance legible and sufficient to demonstrate that the impounded motor vehicle currently is covered by a liability insurance policy as required by state law; and
  - c. One of the following documents evidencing ownership:
    1. The original vehicle title; or
    2. A copy of both the front and back of the original title; or
    3. The current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; or
    4. A copy of the current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; and
  - d. Payment of a \$50.00 processing/administration fee to the city.
- (2) A registered owner not in possession of a valid driver's license appears at the city police department and presents:
  - a. Photo identification clearly establishing his/her identity as the registered owner of the impounded vehicle; and
  - b. Evidence of insurance legible and sufficient to demonstrate that the impounded motor vehicle currently is covered by a liability insurance policy as required by state law; and
  - c. One of the following documents evidencing ownership:
    1. The original vehicle title; or
    2. A copy of both the front and back of the original title; or
    3. The current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; or
    4. A copy of the current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; and
  - d. Payment of a \$50.00 processing/administration fee to the city.

Additionally, when appearing in the police department to request the release of a vehicle impounded pursuant to this section, a registered owner not in possession of a valid driver's license must be accompanied by at least one validly licensed driver and must execute appropriate documentation certifying the vehicle will be driven from the storage lot by a validly licensed driver or properly removed by other lawful means.
- (3) A representative of the registered owner appears at the city police department and presents:
  - a. His/her valid driver's license; and
  - b. Written notarized authorization from the registered owner allowing for the release of the impounded vehicle to the named representative; and
  - c. Evidence of insurance legible and sufficient to demonstrate that the impounded motor vehicle currently is covered by a liability insurance policy as required by state law; and
  - d. One of the following documents evidencing ownership:
    1. The original vehicle title; or
    2. A copy of both the front and back of the original title; or

3. The current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; or
  4. A copy of the current vehicle tag receipt in the registered owner's name; and
  - e. Payment of a \$50.00 processing/administration fee to the city.
- (4) An order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the release of the impounded vehicle.

(Ord. No. 58-2013, § 5, 11-19-2013)

Sec. 27-666. - Retrieving the vehicle.

- (a) After obtaining a lawful release from the city police department, the person redeeming the motor vehicle shall then make payment in full to the wrecker service responsible for the towing and storage of the vehicle for the costs attributable to the towing and storage of said vehicle.
- (b) Reserved.
- (c) Upon receipt of said release and making said payment, the motor vehicle shall be considered redeemed and possession given to the registered owner or, if applicable, the authorized representative thereof.
- (d) If a motor vehicle impounded pursuant to this section is not properly redeemed as set out herein within 60 days of the date it is impounded, then the wrecker service onto whose property the motor vehicle was lawfully towed at the written request of a law enforcement officer may advertise and sell said vehicle in accordance with applicable state law, currently Code of Ala. 1975, §§ 32-13-1 et seq., or as may be hereafter amended.

(Ord. No. 58-2013, § 6, 11-19-2013)