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# Ordinance Concerning The Towing And Impounding Of Vehicles

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## TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

The following ordinance was adopted at a Special Town Meeting duly warned and held on January 23, 1968.

### AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE TOWING AND IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES

THE TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR IN SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CONVENED HEREBY ORDAINS AND ENACTS:

The parking of vehicles in places where parking is prohibited is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to create a vehicle point, or pounds, to which automobiles and other vehicles may be removed by a police officer or constable, or under the direction of a police officer or constable, in the manner hereinafter provided. Such pound, or pounds, shall be such storage garage or garages, or such other appropriate places as may be designated by said Board of Selectmen. Before any such garage or place shall be authorized to be a vehicle pound as provided herein, such garage or designated place of storage shall furnish to the Board of Selectmen satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage to protect the Town of East Windsor from any claims for damages arising from the towing of any impounded vehicle.

Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in a place where parking is not permitted, such vehicle may be removed and conveyed by, or under the direction of, a police officer or constable by means of towing the same, or otherwise, to a vehicle pound. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be permitted to remove the same from such vehicle pound, he shall furnish to such police officer or constable evidence of his identity, ownership or right of possession, and shall sign a receipt for the same, and he shall pay the costs of removal, but not exceeding the sum of \$50.00, plus the cost of storage, not exceeding \$2.00 for each day, or portion of a day, said vehicle is stored in the vehicle pound, or excess of the first 24 hours said vehicle is impounded, and shall pay an additional sum of \$2.00 for said illegal parking.

The owner of any impounded vehicle shall be duly informed as to the nature and circumstances of the violation on account of which such vehicle has been impounded. In case protest is made against the payment of any towing or storage fees, the person in charge of said pound shall mark upon the receipt evidencing payment of the towing and storage fees the words paid under protest. In such case it shall thereupon be the duty of the police officer or constable having knowledge of the facts to forthwith institute the proper proceedings in the Circuit Court (13<sup>th</sup> Circuit) charging the owner or driver of such vehicle with that violation of the ordinance or traffic regulation on account of which the vehicle was impounded. In the event the owner or driver of said vehicle is found not guilty of the offense charged he shall be reimbursed the sum so paid under protest, by the Town of East Windsor.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Selectmen or such police officer or constable as it shall designate, to keep a record of the names of all owners of vehicles impounded, the numbers of their state license plates, the place where such vehicle was impounded, the nature and circumstances of each violation, and the disposition of each case.

The foregoing ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after the publication thereof.

Grace E. Kerkins, Town Clerk  
East Windsor, Connecticut

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