

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE # 08-13-07**

**Section 1: PARKING REGULATIONS:**

**Section 1-a: REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES**

Any vehicle parked or left standing upon a highway, street or alley or other public grounds is declared to be a hazard to traffic and public safety. Such vehicle shall be removed by the operator, upon request of any Sheriff's deputy, to a position where parking, stopping or standing is not prohibited. Any Sheriff's deputy, after issuing a citation for illegal parking, stopping or standing of an unattended vehicle in violation of the Code, is authorized to remove such vehicle to a position where parking is not prohibited the deputy may order a motor carrier holding a permit to perform vehicle towing services, a licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer who performs vehicle towing services to remove and store such vehicle in any storage garage or rental parking grounds or any facility of the person providing the towing services or any other location designated by the sheriff as an impoundment area for said vehicles. The owner or operator of a vehicle so removed shall pay the cost of towing and storage.

**Section 1-b: REGISTRATION RECORD OF VEHICLE AS EVIDENCE**

When any vehicle is found upon a street or highway in violation of any provision of the Code regulating the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles and the identity of the operator cannot be determined, the owner, as shown by the ownership registration of the vehicle supplied by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, or a comparable authority of any state, shall be subject to appropriate penalty.

**Section 1-c: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**

Except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading or in receiving or discharging passengers or property and while the vehicle is attended by a licensed operator so that it may be moved promptly in case of an emergency or to avoid obstruction of traffic, no person shall at any time park or leave standing any vehicle, upon any of the following highways or parts of highways:

That portion of roadway on Sullivan Lane that lies in the section 30 T3N R6E

**Section 2: ABANDONED VEHICLES**

**DEFINITION**

As used in this Section "vehicle" means a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer or mobile home as defined in this ordinance, whether or not the vehicle is registered under chapter 341 Wisconsin Statutes. (Ord.81-720)

**Section 2-a: ABANDONMENT OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED**

No person shall abandon any vehicle unattended within the Town for such a time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to be abandoned.

**Section 2-b: PRESUMPTION OF ABANDONMENT**

Any vehicle left unattended for more than twenty four (24) hours on any public street, highway or grounds, or on any private property where parking is prohibited, limited or restricted, without the permission of the owner or lessee, is deemed abandoned and constitutes a public

nuisance; provided, that the vehicle shall not be deemed abandoned under this Section if left unattended on private property out of public view, by permission of the owner or lessee.

#### Section 2-c: EXCEPTIONS

This Section shall not apply to a vehicle in an enclosed building, or a vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner authorized by the Town.

#### Section 2-d: REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT FOR SALE

Any vehicle found abandoned in violation of this Ordinance shall be impounded by the Green County Sheriff's Department until lawfully claimed or disposed of as provided in this Section. If the Sheriff or his/her duly authorized representative determined that towing costs and storage charges for the minimum impoundment period (see Section 2-e below) would exceed the value of the vehicle, the vehicle may be junked or sold prior to the expiration of the impoundment period upon determination by the Sheriff that the vehicle is not wanted for evidence or any other reasons; provided, that vehicles in excess of nineteen (19) model years shall be sold or disposed of only by auction, sale or sealed bid in accordance with this ordinance.

#### Section 2-e: MINIMUM IMPOUNDMENT PERIOD

The minimum impoundment period of impoundment or storage of a vehicle found in violation of the Section shall be thirty (30) days.

#### Section 2-f: NOTICE TO OWNER

The Sheriff's Deputy removing or causing the removal of any vehicle found in violation of this Section shall immediately notify the Sheriff of the abandonment and location of the impounded vehicle, and shall, within ten (10) days thereafter, notify the owner and the lienholder of record, by certified mail, of the impoundment and of their right to reclaim the vehicle. The notice shall set forth the information contained in S342.40 (3), Wisconsin Statutes, and shall state that the failure of the owner or lienholders to exercise their rights to reclaim the vehicle shall be deemed a waiver of all rights, title and interest in the vehicle and a consent to sale of the vehicle.

Ordinance adopted September 10, 2007 at the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Washington.

Vote approved:

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

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Signed:

Richard Puffer Chair

Eldon J. Crossen 1st supervisor

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Attested by:

Emily Wild Clerk