
Unauthorized 24 Hour Vehicle Violations

524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of unauthorized vehicles parked in violation of 24 hour time limitations.

524.2 MARKING VEHICLES

Vehicles suspected of being subject to removal from a highway after being left unattended for 24 hours shall be marked noted below. No case number is required at this time (RCW 46.55.010(14)).

A notification sticker shall be applied in a visible location, the rear window should be marked with the date and time with a window marker and a visible chalk mark may be placed on the left rear tire tread at the fender level unless missing tires or other vehicle conditions prevent marking (RCW 46.55.085).

If a marked vehicle has been moved or the markings have been removed during a 24-hour investigation period, the vehicle shall be re-marked for another 24-hour period.

524.2.1 MARKED VEHICLE FOLLOW UP

Deputies and Citizens on Patrol (COPs) will assist with the follow up investigation of all 24 hour vehicle violations initiated by the Department. If a marked vehicle has current Washington registration plates, the Deputy / Citizen on Patrol shall check the records to learn the identity of the last owner of record. The Deputy / Citizen on Patrol shall make a reasonable effort to contact the owner by telephone and provide notice that if the vehicle is not removed within twenty-four hours from the time the sticker was attached, the vehicle may be taken into custody and stored at the owner's expense (RCW 46.55.085(2)).

524.2.2 VEHICLE STORAGE

A deputy / Citizen on Patrol may impound any vehicle not removed 24 hours after marking (RCW 46.55.085(3)).

The deputy / Citizen on Patrol authorizing the storage of the vehicle shall complete a uniform impound authorization and inventory form. The completed form shall be submitted to the Records Division immediately following the storage of the vehicle (RCW 46.55.075(2)).