72-Hour Parking Violations

524.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy provides procedures for the marking, recording, and storage of vehicles parked in violation of the City of Elk Grove City Ordinance regulating 72-hour parking violations and abandoned vehicles under the authority of Vehicle Code § 22669.

524.2 MARKING VEHICLES
Vehicles suspected of being in violation of the City of Elk Grove 72-Hour Parking Ordinance shall be marked and noted on the Elk Grove Police Department Marked Vehicle Card. No case number is required at this time.

Notation of the tire valve stems shall be documented to show the location of the tires at the vehicle’s last resting spot. The investigating employee shall document in the CAD system and on the “72 Hour Courtesy Notice” card where the vehicle’s tire valve stems were noted. The investigating employee should make a good faith effort to notify the owner of any vehicle subject to towing prior to having the vehicle removed. This may be accomplished by personal contact, telephone or by leaving notice attached to the vehicle at least 24 hours prior to removal.

If a noted vehicle has been moved during a 72-hour investigation period, the vehicle’s tire valve stems shall be noted again for the 72-hour parking violation and a “72 Hour Courtesy Notice” card completed.

Parking citations for the 72-hour parking ordinance shall not be issued when the vehicle is stored for the 72-hour parking violation.

524.2.1 VEHICLE STORAGE
Any vehicle in violation shall be stored by the authorized towing service and a vehicle storage report shall be completed by the officer authorizing the storage of the vehicle.

The storage report form shall be submitted to the Records Bureau immediately following the storage of the vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the Records Bureau to immediately notify the Stolen Vehicle System (SVS) of the Department of Justice in Sacramento (Vehicle Code § 22851.3(b)). Notification may also be made to the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)(Vehicle Code § 22854.5).

Within 48 hours of the storage of any such vehicle, excluding weekends and holidays, it shall be the responsibility of the Records Bureau to determine the names and addresses of any individuals having an interest in the vehicle through DMV or CLETS computers. Notice to all such individuals shall be sent first-class or certified mail pursuant to Vehicle Code § 22851.3(d).

524.3 VEHICLE DISPOSAL
If, after 15 days from the notification of storage, the vehicle remains unclaimed and the towing and storage fees have not been paid, and if no request for a post storage hearing has been made, the Department may provide the lien holder storing the vehicle with authorization, on an approved
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DMV form, to dispose of any vehicle which the lien holder has determined has a value of $500 or less. Vehicle Code § 22851.3(h)