

VEHICLE STORAGE PROCEDURE

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The City of San Fernando currently utilizes the services of Black and White Towing, Inc., for vehicle impounds and storage.

Black and White Towing, Inc. is located at 10857 San Fernando Road, Pacoima and their phone number is 818.896.9511. They are open 24 hours per day, seven days per week and have customer parking conveniently located directly in front of their office.

If your vehicle has been impounded and you need to obtain a release for the vehicle, the **REGISTERED OWNER** of that vehicle needs to provide the following:

1. Proof of ownership
2. A valid driver's license
3. Administrative payment of \$35 in the form of cash or debit card (additional \$3 fee for debit cards).

The department will process your payment and provide you with a vehicle release form that you need to take to Black and White Towing, Inc. Once at Black and White Towing, Inc. present the release form and they will charge you a separate fee for the cost of towing and storage at their facility. Please refer to the Black and White Towing, Inc. Fee Schedule below:

Initial Storage:	\$124
Daily Storage Fee:	\$39 plus tax

*Additional storage fees may apply.

RIGHT TO A POST STORAGE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Per 22852 of the California Vehicle Code, you have the right to a hearing to determine the validity of the storage. Your request for a hearing shall be received at San Fernando Police Department within **ten (10) days** from the date of notice. If you request a hearing, it will be conducted within **48 hours** of the request **excluding weekends and holidays**. The vehicle storage hearing is an informal process to determine whether or not a vehicle was lawfully stored.

The hearings can be completed in person, in writing or via telephone. Please complete the **San Fernando Police Department Post Storage Hearing Request** form located on the wall to your right.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22852

22852. (a) Whenever an authorized member of a public agency directs the storage of a vehicle, as permitted by this chapter, or upon the storage of a vehicle as permitted under this section (except as provided in subdivision (f) or (g)), the agency or person directing the storage shall provide the vehicle's registered and legal owners of record, or their agents, with the opportunity for a post storage hearing to determine the validity of the storage.
- (b) A notice of the storage shall be mailed or personally delivered to the registered and legal owners within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, and shall include all of the following information:
- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the agency providing the notice.
 - (2) The location of the place of storage and description of the vehicle, which shall include, if available, the name or make, the manufacturer, the license plate number, and the mileage.
 - (3) The authority and purpose for the removal of the vehicle.
 - (4) A statement that, in order to receive their post storage hearing, the owners, or their agents, shall request the hearing in person, writing, or by telephone within 10 days of the date appearing on the notice.
- (c) The post storage hearing shall be conducted within 48 hours of the request, excluding weekends and holidays. The public agency may authorize its own officer or employee to conduct the hearing if the hearing officer is not the same person who directed the storage of the vehicle.
- (d) Failure of either the registered or legal owner, or his or her agent, to requestor to attend a scheduled hearing shall satisfy the post storage hearing requirement.
- (e) The agency employing the person who directed the storage shall be responsible for the costs incurred for towing and storage if it is determined in the post storage hearing that reasonable grounds for the storage are not established.
- (f) This section does not apply to vehicles abated under the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program pursuant to Sections 22660 to 22668, inclusive, and Section 22710, or to vehicles impounded for investigation pursuant to Section 22655, or to vehicles removed from private property pursuant to Section 22658.
- (g) This section does not apply to abandoned vehicles removed pursuant to Section 22669 that are determined by the public agency to have an estimated value of five hundred dollars (\$500) or less.

(Amended by Stats. 2004, Ch. 650, Sec. 17. Effective January 1, 2005.)