

MMC Title 10 Updates – Towing of Abandoned Vehicles

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Roadmap for Discussion

- Purpose
- Background
- Proposed Revisions
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Purpose

- Proposed revisions are intended to clarify:
 - What is an abandoned vehicle
 - Distinguish abandoned vehicles from other parked vehicles
 - What is the process for appealing a tow



Background

- Work Session on December 14, 2021
- 2018 Documented issues with the presence of RVs and abandoned vehicles parked on City streets
- Ordinance No. 5049 (2018)
- ORS 819.100 et seq. also governs abandoned vehicles
 - Describes due process required for tow
 - Notice and right to appeal



Proposed Revisions

- Clarify definition of "abandoned vehicle"
 - MMC 10.04.030
- Clarify prohibiting parking of abandoned vehicles
 - MMC 10.28.080
- Distinguish between abandoned vehicles and vehicles parked for longer than 72 hours on city streets
 - MMC 10.28.090
- Codify due process
 - MMC 10.44.045



Next Steps

• Ordinance for Council consideration

• Effective 30 days after passage

