

PRESS RELEASE

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The Elyria Police Department wishes to advise the citizens of Elyria, that to assist in clearing snow from the city streets, the Police Department will be marking vehicles that have obviously been parked on the city street for an extended period of time. These vehicles, if not moved, will be towed at the owners expense, in accordance with City of Elyria Ordinance 303.08 (a)(2).

The Elyria Police Department wishes to remind or advise the citizens of Elyria of City Ordinance 303.08 (a)(2) which states:

303.08 IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES; REDEMPTION.

(a) Police officers are authorized to provide for the removal and impounding of a vehicle under the following circumstances:

(2) When any motor vehicle, including an abandoned junk motor vehicle, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.63, is left on private residential property, as defined in Ohio R.C. 4513.60, or on private agricultural property, for at least four consecutive hours without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the property, or on a public street or other property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for 48 consecutive hours or longer, without notification to the Police Chief of the reasons for leaving such vehicle in such place, except that when such a motor vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, it may be ordered into storage immediately;

When a person causes a motor vehicle to be towed, under this subsection, the responsibility for the towing and the cost for the towing shall be borne by the owner of such vehicle.

When the owner or person having control of the property causes a motor vehicle to be towed under this subsection, such person must notify the Police Division of the tow and of the license number of the motor vehicle being removed.

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