

Impounded Vehicle Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

The City of Mount Pearl is responsible for the movement of traffic on public streets and any vehicle that obstructs movement or impedes any street improvement or maintenance shall impounded.

2.0 Background

In accordance with the City of Mount Pearl Act ,1990, Mount Pearl Traffic Regulation, Anti-Litter Regulation and Snow Clearing Regulation vehicles that are standing upon a public road, sidewalk or bridge that;

1. cause danger to other persons using the highway,
2. interfere with ploughing of or removal of snow or ice,
3. interfere with firefighting,
4. interfere with normal flow of traffic,
5. interfere with construction, improvement, alteration, extension, widening, marking or making repair of the highway, or
6. interfere with the carrying out of an undertaking of the City of Mount Pearl shall be impounded at owner expense.

3.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure there is free and unobstructed traffic flow for vehicles, pedestrians and there is no hinderance to any type of work being carried out on a public street.

4.0 Procedure

City of Mount Pearl employees shall comply with the following procedures:

1. If the driver or owner of the vehicle is not in the immediate vicinity the City employee will contact a tow company to have the vehicle removed and stored at the City impound yard located at 59 Clyde Avenue.

2. Prior to removing the vehicle, the employee will record date, time and location of the vehicle and for what purpose it was impounded.
3. Observe the vehicle condition, noting any obvious damage. Record the license and photograph the vehicle.
4. Record the name of the tow company and its driver.
5. Escort the vehicle back to the City Impound yard and ensure it is secure.
6. Once in the impound yard vehicles are under the control of Municipal Enforcement and shall not be tampered with by any employee.
7. Vehicles will only be released to the registered owner who shall provide proof of ownership and pays associated impound and tow fees.
8. Vehicles that are not claimed may be disposed of by Council after a 60 day period.

5.0 Approvals



Steve Kent, Chief Administrative Officer

August 21, 2018

Date