

Abandoned Vehicle Violations

507.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides procedures for the recording and storage of vehicles abandoned in violation of abandoned vehicle laws under the authority of CRS § 42-4-1801, et seq.

507.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Abandoned motor vehicle - A motor vehicle is abandoned if:

- a. It is on public property and (CRS § 42-4-1802(1)):
 1. Left unattended on a highway right-of-way outside the limits of a town or city for a period of 48 hours or longer.
 2. Left unattended on a highway right-of-way within the limits of a town or city longer than allowed by any local ordinance.
 3. Stored in an impound lot at the request of a law enforcement agency and not removed within 72 hours after notification to the owner that the vehicle is available for release.
 4. Fitted with an immobilization device and deemed to be abandoned.
 5. Left unattended at a regional transportation district parking facility and deemed to be abandoned.
- b. It is on private property and (CRS § 42-4-2102(1)):
 1. Left unattended without consent for at least 24 hours or as established by a local ordinance.
 2. Not removed from an impound lot according to an agreement with the owner.
 3. Towed at the request of a property owner and not removed from the impound lot by the vehicle owner within 48 hours.
 4. Fitted with an immobilization device and deemed to be abandoned.

507.2 TAGGING VEHICLES

Vehicles on public roadways suspected of being abandoned in violation of Colorado laws shall be issued the Louisville Police Department abandoned vehicle notice/tag. No case number is required.

507.2.1 ABANDONED VEHICLE NOTICES FILE

The Records Section shall be responsible for maintaining a file for all abandoned vehicle notices.

The issuing officer shall be responsible for the follow-up investigation of all abandoned violations.

507.3 VEHICLE STORAGE

Any vehicle in violation should be stored and a vehicle impound/storage form shall be completed in accordance with the Vehicle Towing and Release Policy.

