

ABANDONED VEHICLE REMOVAL GUIDELINES
CROOK COUNTY

Vehicles that are found abandoned on the State or County highways, or on established roads inside the city, a call should be placed to the local dispatch center and the appropriate agency will initiate action according to ORS 819.110 and 819.160.

If a vehicle is abandoned on a roadway inside a subdivision that has been designated as a “Public Way” under Oregon Law (PLA I), then the vehicle can be dealt with by the Crook County Sheriff’s Office as provided by ORS chapter 819.

When a vehicle is abandoned on a roadway in a subdivision that is NOT designated as a “Public Way”, such as PLA II, Ochoco West, Juniper Acres, Conant Basin and various others, even though the property is “Premises open to the public” as designated under ORS 801.400, it is still classified as “Private” for the purpose of vehicle removal under ORS 98.830. Removal of the vehicle shall be the responsibility of the property owner(s) in accordance with Oregon Law.

If the abandoned vehicle is located on private property, then it is the responsibility of the property owner to remove the vehicle in accordance with ORS 98.830.

“98.830 Towing abandoned vehicle from private property; conditions. A person who is the owner, or is in lawful possession, of private property on which a motor vehicle has been abandoned may have the motor vehicle towed from the property if:

(1) The person affixes a notice to the vehicle stating that the vehicle will be towed if it is not removed. The notice required by this subsection must remain on the vehicle for 72 hours before the vehicle may be removed.

(2) The person notifies the local law enforcement agency of the intent to have the vehicle towed.

(3) The person fills out and signs a form that includes:

(a) A description of the vehicle to be towed;

(b) The location of the property from which the vehicle will be towed; and

(c) A statement that the person has complied with subsections (1) and (2) of this section. [1995 c.758 §1]”

Notice – Read Carefully

LICENSE # or VIN # _____ LICENSE STATE _____
MAKE _____ MODEL _____
VEHICLE YEAR _____ COLOR _____
LOCATION OF VEHICLE _____
DATE & TIME NOTICE AFFIXED TO VEHICLE _____
PERSON AFFIXING NOTICE (print name) _____
DATE, TIME AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY NOTIFIED _____

This vehicle will be towed, IF NOT REMOVED FROM THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY within 72 hours of the above date, under ORS 98.830 by request of the property owner. The property owner has notified the local law enforcement agency of the intent to have the vehicle towed and has met the requirements of ORS 98.830 (1), (2) as required by Oregon Law.

Signature of property owner or person in lawful possession of private property