

Lompoc Police Department Towing & Vehicle Abatement



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Why Towing Exists

- Protects public safety
- Removes abandoned/inoperative vehicles
- Prevents community nuisances
- Maintains clean and accessible streets



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2024 Annual Towing & Enforcement Stats

- Vehicles Towed (Community Services Division): 337
- Citations Issued (Community Services Division): 755
- Source: Lompoc Police Department 2024 Annual Report



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Legal Authority

- Lompoc Municipal Code Chapter 10.44
- Authorizes LPD to remove vehicles declared as public nuisances
- Vehicles may include abandoned, wrecked, or inoperative cars
- Chief of Police or designee oversees enforcement



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California Vehicle Code Authority

CVC §22651 – Authorizes peace officers to tow vehicles under conditions:

- Blocking traffic or hazard
 - Illegally parked in restricted areas
 - Expired registration over 6 months
 - Driver arrested, vehicle left unattended
 - Vehicle reported stolen
- CVC §22669 – Allows removal of abandoned vehicles
 - CVC §22850 – Establishes responsibility for storage and towing fees, typically charged to the registered owner



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Process Flow

1. Notice of Intent (sent by mail)
2. 10 Days to Respond
 - Request a hearing or submit testimony
3. Hearing conducted by impartial officer
4. Vehicle removed if hearing upholds or no response
5. Cost recovery: towing & administrative fees



Parking & RV Regulations

- Parking enforcement: violations may lead to citations/towing
- RV Parking Permits:
 - Resident Permit: valid 2 years
 - Guest Permit: up to 2 weeks (max 60 days/year)
- Issued by Chief of Police or designee



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Community Rights & Protections

- Owners have right to request a hearing
- Written notices ensure due process
- Support available through Police Department
- Transparent and community-focused process



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Questions



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