

## Private Property Vehicle Towing & Removal



California Vehicle Code Section 22658 outlines the requirements for towing a vehicle from private property. The sheriff's office does not generally tow vehicles from private property for miscellaneous violations. Off-street parking facilities, as defined in the California Vehicle Code, are subject to certain tow away violations. Private property owners are required to properly post each entrance to the property with a parking enforcement sign.

The California Vehicle Code allows for any tow company within 10 miles of the private property to enter into a written agreement with the property owner for towing vehicles. The California Vehicle Code also requires that any tow company authorized to remove a vehicle from private property, by written agreement, be named on all posted signs on said property.

### **The following outline is provided to assist you with this process:**

1. Sign(s) must be posted in plain view at all entrances to the property. If you are only prohibiting parking in specific spaces with the parking area, then each parking space should be marked / signed.
2. Sign(s) must be posted 24-hours prior to any towing.
3. Sign(s) should be no less than 22 inches by 17 inches. Lettering must be in contrasting color to the background and no less than 1 inch in height.
4. Sign(s) must state that all unauthorized parking is prohibited and vehicles will be towed at owners expense. Sign(s) must include: California Vehicle Code authorizing tow, phone number of law enforcement agency with traffic jurisdiction, name and phone number for each tow company with written contract to tow off said private property.
5. At the time of tow, person requesting removal of vehicle will call up the law enforcement agency with traffic jurisdiction and advise them of: Make and color of vehicle, license plate number, and name and number of company with written contract to tow.
6. In Unincorporated Placer County, California Highway Patrol has traffic jurisdiction. Exceptions are within the city limits of Loomis and Colfax. The Placer County Sheriff's Office is responsible for traffic enforcement of these two areas. Please make sure the appropriate agency is listed on all signs.

Samples attached are for reference only. Your sign may vary slightly

