

**Chapter 46.55 RCW  
TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT**

**Sections**

- 46.55.010 Definitions.
- TOW TRUCK OPERATORS—REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
- 46.55.020 Registration required—Penalty.
- 46.55.025 Registration or insurance required—Penalty.
- 46.55.030 Application—Contents, bond, insurance, fee, certificate.
- 46.55.035 Prohibited acts—Penalty.
- 46.55.037 Compensation for private impounds.
- 46.55.040 Permit required—Inspections of equipment and facilities.
- 46.55.050 Classification of trucks—Marking requirements—Time and place of inspection—Penalty.
- 46.55.060 Business location—Requirements.
- 46.55.063 Fees, schedules, contracts, invoices.
- 46.55.065 License plate indicator tabs—Transporter business—Hulk hauler, scrap processor business—Wrecker business—Fees—Tab requirements.
- IMPOUNDING UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES
- 46.55.070 Posting requirements—Exception.
- 46.55.075 Law enforcement impound—Required form, procedures.
- 46.55.080 Law enforcement, authorized regional transit authority representative, other public official impound, private impound—Master log—Certain associations restricted.
- 46.55.085 Law enforcement impound—Unauthorized vehicle in right-of-way.
- 46.55.090 Storage, return requirements—Vehicles, personal belongings—Combination endorsement for tow truck drivers—Viewing impounded vehicle.
- 46.55.100 Impound notice—Abandoned vehicle report—Owner information, liability—Disposition report.
- 46.55.105 Responsibility of registered owner—Buyer and seller remedies.
- 46.55.110 Notice to legal and registered owners.
- 46.55.113 Removal by police officer—Definition.
- 46.55.115 State patrol—Appointment of towing operators—Lien for costs—Appeal.
- 46.55.117 Impounds under RCW 64.44.050.
- 46.55.118 Rate, fee limitations for certain private impounds.
- REDEMPTION RIGHTS AND HEARING PROCEDURES
- 46.55.120 Redemption of vehicles—Sale of unredeemed property—Improper impoundment.
- 46.55.125 Redemption of motorcycle or moped as bailment while owner hospitalized due to accident—Requirements—Declaration form.
- 46.55.130 Notice requirements—Public auction—Accumulation of storage charges.
- 46.55.140 Operator's lien, deficiency claim, liability.
- RECORDS, INSPECTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT
- 46.55.150 Vehicle transaction file.

- 46.55.160 Availability of records, equipment, and facilities for audit and inspection.
- 46.55.170 Complaints, where forwarded.
- 46.55.180 Presiding officer at licensing hearing.
- 46.55.190 Rules.
- 46.55.200 Penalties for certain acts or omissions.
- 46.55.210 Cease and desist order.
- 46.55.220 Refusal to issue license, grounds for.

JUNK VEHICLE DISPOSITION

- 46.55.230 Junk vehicles—Removal, disposal, sale—Penalties—Cleanup restitution payment.

LOCAL REGULATION

- 46.55.240 Local ordinances—Requirements.

VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION

- 46.55.300 Vehicle immobilization.

IMPOUNDMENT AFTER ARREST FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

- 46.55.360 Impoundment, when required—Law enforcement powers, duties, and liability immunity—Redemption, when, by whom—Operator liability immunity—Definition.
- 46.55.370 Law enforcement liability immunity—Reasonable suspicion.

ABANDONED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

- 46.55.400 Transporting abandoned recreational vehicles—Record of delivery—Report—Liability.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 46.55.901 Headings not part of law—1985 c 377.
- 46.55.902 Effective date—1985 c 377.
- 46.55.910 Chapter not applicable to certain activities of department of transportation.

*Removal of unattended vehicle from highway: RCW 46.61.590.*

*Riding in towed vehicles: RCW 46.61.625.*

*Safety chains for towing: RCW 46.37.495.*