

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2007 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-35-2007

Chapter No. 30

Proposed and Presented by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by Council Members Harrington, Dernoga and Bland

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction October 23, 2007

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Towing Regulations

3 For the purpose amending the towing regulations to reduce the time a tow company has to  
4 provide notice of a vehicle tow from private property.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC.

7 Section 26-142.06,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2003 Edition, 2006 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
11 Maryland, that Section 26-142.06 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby  
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

14 **DIVISION 10. TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM**  
15 **PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

16 **Sec. 26-142.06. Towing of vehicle.**

17 (a) After completion of the requirements of Section 26-142.05 of this Division, the towing  
18 company may proceed to tow the subject vehicle to an impoundment facility maintained by the  
19 County Police or by an authorized towing company.

1 (b) A towing company may not tow a vehicle defined as abandoned pursuant to Section  
2 26-162 of this Code until forty-eight (48) hours after notice of such proposed towing has been  
3 securely attached to and conspicuously displayed on the vehicle.

4 (c) [Within one (1) hour after completion of the removal of the subject vehicle, the  
5 authorized towing company shall notify the County Police of the location and identification of the  
6 vehicle pursuant to regulations of the Chief of Police.] Immediately prior to the attachment of the  
7 subject vehicle, the authorized towing company shall notify the County Police, by phone or  
8 computer, of the date and time of the towing, the location of the tow, the make and model of the  
9 vehicle, the license plate number and the reason for the tow. Within one (1) hour after removing  
10 the subject vehicle from the property, the authorized towing company shall verify to the County  
11 Police, by phone, fax or computer, the above information and shall provide the vehicle  
12 identification number of the vehicle. The Chief of Police is authorized, pursuant to this section, to  
13 issue regulations to implement this provision.

14 (d) A towing company that undertakes the towing or removal of a vehicle from private  
15 property may not employ individuals, commonly referred to as "spotters", whose primary task is  
16 to report the presence of unauthorized parked vehicles for the purposes of towing or removal.

17 (e) A towing company shall not pay or offer to pay a property owner, and a property  
18 owner shall not accept payment for authorizing the towing of a vehicle from any private  
19 property.

20 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
21 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2007.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Camille A. Exum  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

KEY:  
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.  
Asterisks \*\*\* indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.