

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2004 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-82-2004  
 Chapter No. 73  
 Proposed and Presented by Council Member Hendershot  
 Introduced by Council Members Dean, Exum and Bland  
 Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Introduction November 1, 2004

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Impoundment of Motor Vehicles from Private Property

3 For the purpose of requiring that photographs be taken whenever a motor vehicle is impounded  
 4 from private property under certain circumstances.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 26. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.

7 Section 26-142.05,

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (1999 Edition, 2002 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
 11 Maryland, that Section 26-142.05 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 12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments: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. 26-142.05. Tow slip.**

17 (a) The towing company shall cause to be presented to the property owner or property  
 18 owner's agent a tow slip, approved by the Chief of Police as to form and content, which shall  
 19 consist of one (1) original and three (3) copies. The towing company shall cause said tow slip to  
 20 be completed by filling in all pertinent data. Before towing or removing the subject vehicle, the  
 21 towing company shall cause the property owner or property owner's agent to sign said tow slip in

1 the place provided. The towing company shall then cause a copy of the towing slip to be  
2 securely affixed to the subject vehicle.

3 (b) The tow slip shall provide, as a minimum, spaces for filling in pertinent data as make  
4 and model of the vehicle, vehicle identification number, date and time of towing, license plate  
5 number, location towed from, name of complaining party, and name of towing company.

6 (c) If the property owner has a written contract with the towing company, the property  
7 owner or property owner's agent shall not be required to either sign a complaint or tow slip prior  
8 to the towing or removal of an unauthorized vehicle from his property in the following instances:

9 (1) If the towing occurs during the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.; or

10 (2) If the vehicle is directly blocking a clearly marked fire lane, a handicapped  
11 parking space or access to the property or a building on the property.

12 (d) Prior to the towing or removal of an unauthorized vehicle pursuant to this section, the  
13 towing company shall photograph the vehicle in a manner that documents the unauthorized  
14 parking of the vehicle. The photographs shall be firmly attached to the original tow slip and  
15 retained for a period of at least 60 calendar days.

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

Adopted this 30th day of November, 2004.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Knotts  
Chairman

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.