

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
***PUBLIC HEARING***  
***ORDINANCES***

TUESDAY, June 28, 2005, 7:00 PM  
IN the AUDITORIUM  
AT SHELTON CITY HALL  
54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

**AGENDA**

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- ❖ CALL OF THE MEETING
- ❖ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ❖ ITEM:

1. **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #548 - *Abandoned or Unregistered Motor Vehicles***

**ADJOURNMENT**

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***Amendment to Ordinance #548 – Abandoned or Unregistered Motor Vehicles as Recommended by the Public Health & Safety Committee.***

***Proposed***

**Ordinance #548**

**Abandoned or Unregistered Motor Vehicles**

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton:

Section 1:

**No person, firm or corporation shall abandon any motor vehicle within the limits of any highway within the City of Shelton or upon property other than his own without the consent of the owner for a period of longer than twenty-four hours.**

Section 2:

**Any person who abandons a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00.**

Section 3:

**This ordinance is supplemental to any previously enacted ordinance concerning the parking of motor vehicles within the City limits.**

Section 4:

**The last owner of record of a motor vehicle found abandoned, as shown by the files of the State of Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles, shall be deemed prima facie to have been the owner of such motor vehicle at the time the vehicle was abandoned and the person who abandoned the vehicle or caused or procured its abandonment.**

Section 5:

**Any police officer of the city upon discovery of any motor vehicle, whether situated within or without any highway of this State or City, which is a menace to traffic is authorized to take such motor vehicle into his custody and cause the same to be taken to and stored in a suitable place.**

Section 6:

**Any police officer of the City upon discovery of any motor vehicle apparently abandoned or a motor vehicle without proper registration, whether situated within or without any highway of this State or City shall affix to such motor vehicle a notification**

**sticker in a manner so as to be readily visible. This notification sticker shall contain the following information:**

- a) The date and time the notification sticker was affixed to the motor vehicle.**
- b) A statement that pursuant to this ordinance and State Statute, if the vehicle is not removed within twenty-four hours of the time the sticker was affixed; it shall be taken into custody and stored at the owner's expense.**
- c) The location and telephone number where additional information may be obtained.**
- d) The identity of the affixing officer.**

**If the motor vehicle is not removed within such twenty-four hour period, the City Police Department shall tow such motor vehicle and cause the same to be stored in a place designated by the Chief of Police.**

Section 7:

**If the vehicle is apparently abandoned, a menace to traffic or has no registration marker plates or invalid registration marker plates, the City Police Department shall follow the procedures set forth in Connecticut General Statute Section 14-150 as amended relative to the disposition of said vehicle.**

Section 8:

- A. Any motor vehicle located on private property that is abandoned or inoperable or unregistered and remains unmoved for a period exceeding thirty (30) days after the Zoning Enforcement Officer has (1) provided notice to the property owners on which such motor vehicle remains, requesting removal of such motor vehicle and (2) said notice was published in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in such municipality; may be removed by the City of Shelton.**
- B. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall be responsible for notifying such property owner, publication of the general notice, and for removal and disposition of such motor vehicle by an approved City of Shelton towing company as authorized by the Police Department.**
- C. The property owner shall be responsible for the cost of the removal of any motor vehicle and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day (each day being a separate offense) that the vehicle remains on the property after the thirty (30) day notice expires.**
- D. A property owner that moves the motor vehicle on the property does not exempt said vehicle from this ordinance.**
- E. The Shelton Police Department may issue the City ordinance violation prior to the removal of said vehicle.**

