

AUBURN HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOWING OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
COMMERCIAL / APARTMENTS / CHURCHES / COMPLEXES

In 2005 the Legislature updated the laws governing the towing of vehicles on private property. The law now requires property owners to provide fair notice to vehicle owners in the form of signage, which must conform to certain standards before a vehicle can be towed. Once the signage requirements are met, it is the private property owner's responsibility to make arrangements with a local towing provider to tow the vehicle away. The **tow company** will then contact the police to complete the final paperwork once a vehicle is ready to be removed.

It is recommended that commercial property owners contact a local towing provider to assist them with obtaining signage and entering into a pre-arranged towing agreement. Towing provider must be located within 15 miles of the City.

Due to the new law, the Police Department no longer responds to calls for abandoned/unauthorized vehicles on private property to place "48 hour stickers" as was done in the past. If there is an urgent matter that requires police assistance, such as serious impairment to a business, an officer can be dispatched to assess the situation by calling 248-370-9444.

- **Warning signs must be posted at each vehicle entrance to the property**
- **If property doesn't have curbs/access barriers, one sign every 100 feet of road frontage**
- **Bottom of sign must be a minimum of 4 feet from the ground**
- **Lettering must be 2 inches or larger on a contrasting background**
- **Sign must state that "unauthorized vehicles will be towed at owner's expense"**
- **Sign must have the name and telephone number of the designated towing company**
- **Signage must be in place for 24 hours prior to the towing of any vehicle**
- **Tow company must be located within 15 miles of the City**



SAMPLES OF MICHIGAN COMPLIANT SIGNS

Some towing providers may provide signs and additional assistance

You must use a towing company located within 15 miles of the City of Auburn Hills