

other place of safety designated by the Department of Police or County Executive if said vehicle or trailer has been involved in or the subject of three or more outstanding, past-due violations of this Chapter, or is so parked illegally as to constitute a definite hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic.

(2) Whenever a vehicle or trailer is removed from a street, highway, public way or County property as authorized in this Section and the officer or agent knows or is able to ascertain from the registration records in the vehicle or trailer or the records of the State Department of Motor Vehicles the name and address of the owner thereof, such officer or agent shall immediately give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal and the reasons therefor, the place to which such vehicle or trailer has been removed and the method by which release can be secured. A copy of said notice shall be sent to the Department of Finance and to the officer or proprietor in charge of the place where said vehicle is being held.

(3) All outstanding penalties and/or fines assessed pursuant to violations of this Chapter shall be charged to the owner of the vehicle or trailer and shall be paid the County before the owner may reclaim the vehicle or trailer.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Chapter all references to District Court for Montgomery County shall mean People's Court for Montgomery County until July 5, 1971, the date the District Court system goes into effect.

SEC. 3. Emergency Legislation

The Council hereby declares that an emergency exists and that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of public health and safety. Therefore, this emergency legislation shall take effect on the date on which it becomes law.

Effective: June 25, 1971

CHAPTER 51

(BILL NO. 16-71)

AN ACT to add a new Section 84-34, title "Telephone Tax," to Chapter 84, title "Finance and Taxation," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, to follow immediately after Section 84-33 thereof to levy and impose a tax upon every person owning telephone equipment or providing telephone service in Montgomery County after July 1, 1971, at a rate based upon numbers of message units and main stations, to provide for setting the rates from