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business shown on license. Each licensee shall have only one business telephone number at his place of business but may have an extension of such telephone in his home or at any other location where he may be contacted.

Sec. 17-62. List of Licenses to be Retained by Police Department

The Chief of Police shall retain a current list of all duly licensed towing operators. Whenever the services of a towing vehicle shall be required and request is made to the police department for the providing of such services, the police department shall call the LICENSED towing operator LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, whose place of business is closest to the scene of the accident, except when an owner requests a specific licensed towing company. Provided that such tow company can respond within a reasonable time. If the vehicle is a traffic hazard or obstructing traffic and the company cannot respond within the time specified in this article, the closest licensed tow company LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY shall be called and the owner of the vehicle shall be subject to the fees prescribed in this article. In the event the towing operator who is closest to the scene of the accident does not then have a towing vehicle available for service, the police department shall call the next closest towing operator and so on until a towing vehicle has secured. If a towing vehicle does not arrive at the scene of a collision or accident within 20 minutes after request is made, the officer at the scene shall notify the police department of such fact. The police department shall then contact the towing company to ascertain the cause for the delay. If the police department is not reasonably satisfied that the towing vehicle will arrive at the scene within 5 minutes after the second call, it shall contact the next closest towing company, etc., as if the first towing company had not been contacted. Consideration will be given, however, to abnormal traffic patterns that result from adverse weather conditions, emergencies, or other cause. Upon arriving at the scene of an accident, the towing operator shall immediately remove the disabled vehicle to his storage lot, UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE TO A PLACE OF HIS CHOOSING. In the event a disabled vehicle cannot promptly and efficiently be removed from the scene of an accident, the towing operator may call the next closest licensee to assist in such removal. A towing company shall be required to release a disabled vehicle only during the regular business day, but may release such a vehicle to the owner at other times.

Sec. 17-63. Bail