

(1) From the proceeds of the sale of an abandoned vehicle, the police department shall reimburse itself for the costs of towing, preserving, and storing the vehicle and the expenses of the auction, including all notice and publication costs incurred under this subtitle; and

(2) Any remaining proceeds of the sale shall be held for 90 days for the owner of the vehicle and any entitled secured party, after which the remaining proceeds revert to:

(i) The treasury of the county in which the sale was made; or

(ii) In the case of a municipality that conducts the sale, the treasury of the municipality.

(E) (1) AFTER SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR AN ABANDONED VEHICLE UNDER § 25-207.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN AND USE THE VEHICLE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NOTICE OR CONSENT OF THE OWNER OTHER THAN A LESSOR AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) (I) IF THERE IS A SECURED PARTY WITH AN INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT RETAIN THE VEHICLE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE SECURED PARTY.

(II) IF THE VEHICLE IS OWNED BY A LESSOR UNDER A LEASE NOT INTENDED AS SECURITY, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT RETAIN THE VEHICLE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE LESSOR.

(F) A VEHICLE RETAINED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) MAY NOT BE DISMANTLED OR DISASSEMBLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING ITS COMPONENT PARTS; AND

(2) WHEN NO LONGER USABLE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, ~~SHALL~~ MAY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE OR TRANSFERRED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO A SCRAP PROCESSOR LICENSED UNDER § 15-502 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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(a) This section applies to any vehicle:

(1) Which is impounded by a police department either as abandoned or pursuant to other State or local law;

(2) From which the engine or vehicle serial number has been removed or defaced; and

(3) Of which neither the owner nor any secured party can be identified from records of the Administration or other reasonable steps taken by the police department.