

## **Sub-Chapter B**

### **Abandoned Automobiles**

#### **SECTION 16:200. ABANDONED VEHICLES REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases, when used in this Sub-Chapter, shall have the meanings herein assigned unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1. "Abandoned motor vehicle" mean a motor vehicle that is inoperable and is left unattended on public property for more than five days, or a motor vehicle that has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than five days, or a motor vehicle that has remained on Private Property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than five days.
2. Where the words "Department" are used, they shall be deemed to include the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and Napoleonville Police Department of the Village of Napoleonville, unless the meaning clearly indicates otherwise.
3. "Policing authority", or "authority" shall means, with respect to the, The Village of Napoleonville, The Mayor, The Village of Napoleonville Board of Aldermen and in all other municipalities and parishes means the Napoleonville Police Department, sheriff or such other authority as vested with police authority. All cost or fees arising from seizures in said city shall be transmitted to the Village of Napoleonville ~~to~~ Clerk or Mayor, to be deposited in the general fund

#### **SECTION 16:201. PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES; SEIZURE OF; PAYMENT OF COSTS**

If any motor vehicle, in any municipality in this state, is seized or otherwise held by any policeman or other officer employed by said municipality for illegal parking, stationing or abandoning of such motor vehicle or for the violation of any traffic ordinance or regulation of the municipality, the owner shall be entitled to regain possession thereof upon payment of such costs as may be fixed by the policing authority of the municipality for the violation. The costs so fixed shall cover all charges for removing the vehicle to the place of holding and all other costs incurred during the period of holding. (LRS 32:472)

#### **SECTION 16:202. AUTHORITY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES**

The department or any municipality or any parochial authority may take into custody any motor vehicle found abandoned on public or private property. The department or any municipality or parochial authority may employ its own personnel, equipment and facilities or may employ persons, equipment and facilities for the purpose of removing, preserving and storing abandoned motor vehicles. (LRS 32:474)