

VEHICLE RELEASES

Effective March 24, 2014

If you are here to retrieve your vehicle or obtain personal property from it, you must prove a legal right to the vehicle by one of the following:

- Current vehicle title in your name
- Valid vehicle registration in your name
- Bill of sale for vehicle, less than (90) days old
- You were the listed driver at the time of the vehicles impoundment and there is no indication that you illegally possessed the vehicle
- Notarized “authorization to release automobile” form, signed by the registered owner (original signature, not a copy).
- If ownership has changed within the last 30 days, a copy of the computer registration printout from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Texas Transportation Code Section 683 states that a vehicle is considered abandoned after 10 days. A vehicle's owner and/or lienholder forfeits all rights to the vehicle and its contents 20 days after abandonment. The City of Cockrell Hill notifies owners and/or lienholders within 5 days of impoundment that their vehicle has been impounded and they must retrieve the vehicle, meaning that 30 days after that notice is sent the vehicle and contents will be auctioned at public auction or converted for use by the City.

The only accepted form of payment is Money Order or credit card for the full amount due.

Only one (1) person per vehicle will be allowed into the auto pound.

To drive your vehicle from the auto pound, you or the appointed driver must have

- valid driver's license **AND**
- proof of insurance

If you have insurance but not a driver with a valid license, the vehicle must be towed out of the pound at your expense.