



Boulder County Sheriff's Office

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Impound Appeal Procedure

Pursuant to Boulder County Ordinance 2010-1, § 1815(3) and CRS 42-4-1804, any citizen whose vehicle has been impounded by the Sheriff's Office may appeal the decision to impound the vehicle and the imposition of the attendant costs by notifying the Records Section of their interest in doing so.

Upon receiving notification, the Records LET who receives the request will immediately forward the individual's name, phone number, and address to a Patrol Section Commander (or, in the event the vehicle is being held by the Detectives, by notifying the Detective Commander).

The Commander will contact the complainant as soon as possible, assess their rationale for requesting the release of the vehicle and/or waiving the attendant towing and storage fees, and render a prompt decision. The Commander will take into account the reason for the impound, the need for retaining custody of the vehicle, and any mitigating factors that would argue for its release and/or the waiver of any or all towing and storage fees (recognizing that the Sheriff's Office will be responsible for the costs of the impound). The Commander will then communicate his/her decision to the citizen and to the Records LET responsible for processing the impound as soon as possible, providing whatever documentation may be required (eg. supplemental reports, memoranda, letters, etc) in support.

If the Commander elects to waive the impound fees or any portion thereof, he/she will ensure that the Sheriff's Accounting Section is notified of the decision so that arrangements may be made for paying the tow company.