

PRIVATE PROPERTY TOW-AWAY ZONE REQUIREMENTS

The Kent Police Department recommends the following guidelines be used in establishing a "Private Property Tow-Away Zone" in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.60.

PROPERTY OWNER REQUIREMENTS

1. A plainly visible sign must be posted at all entrances to the property, warning that the property is a "Private Property Tow-Away Zone" and vehicles in violation of the warning will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.
2. The sign must be at least eighteen (18) inches by twenty-four (24) inches in size.
3. The sign must state the telephone number of the person/company from whom the towed vehicle can be recovered, the address to which the vehicle has been taken, and the place from which it may be recovered.
4. The sign must have a statement that the vehicle may be recovered at any time, day or night, upon submission of proof of ownership, and the payment of the towing charges. The towing charges are not to exceed ninety dollars (\$90), plus a storage charge not to exceed twelve dollars (\$12) for each twenty-four hour period. If the vehicle has a manufacturer's gross weight rating in excess of ten thousand pounds and is a truck, bus or a combination of a commercial tractor and trailer or semitrailer, the charge for the towing shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), and the charge for the storage shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per twenty-four hour period.
5. The property owner will advise the police department of the make, model, color and license number of the towed vehicle; where the vehicle was towed from; the date and time of removal; the telephone number of the person from whom the vehicle may be recovered, and the address of the location to which the vehicle has been taken and from which it may be recovered.

TOW COMPANY REQUIREMENTS

1. The towing charges are not to exceed ninety dollars (\$90), plus a storage charge not to exceed twelve dollars (\$12) for each twenty-four hour period. If the vehicle has a manufacturer's gross weight rating in excess of ten thousand pounds and is a truck, bus or a combination of a commercial tractor and trailer or semitrailer, the charge for the towing shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150), and the charge for the storage shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per twenty-four hour period.
2. If the owner or operator of a vehicle being towed arrives after the motor vehicle has been prepared for removal, but prior to its actual removal from the property, the owner or operator shall be given the opportunity to pay a "drop" fee or not more than one half the charge for the removal of motor vehicles described in item 1 above.
3. The towing company must be available any time, day or night, to release a vehicle to the owner.