

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

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ABANDONED VEHICLES

POLICY

The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) and the Motor Vehicle Control Branch, Department of Customer Services, will remove or cause to be removed an abandoned vehicle from a street, highway, or pedestrian mall to a storage area or other place of public safety (Section 15-13.9, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu [ROH] 2021).

PROCEDURE

I. DEFINITION

Section 15-13.8, ROH 2021, defines an abandoned vehicle as any vehicle left unattended for more than 24 hours.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Communications Division

When an abandoned vehicle complaint is received, a beat officer shall be assigned to conduct an appropriate investigation.

B. Field Units

1. When an officer is assigned to investigate or observes a vehicle that may be abandoned, the officer shall check that it is not a stolen vehicle, a traffic hazard, an illegally parked vehicle, or a vehicle involved in any unusual or suspicious circumstances.

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- 2. If the officer finds any of the above circumstances, the officer shall take the appropriate action.
- 3. If the vehicle appears to be abandoned, the officer shall initiate an abandoned vehicle check by marking one of the vehicle's tires and noting the date and time of the marking on that tire with a yellow crayon.
- 4. If the vehicle remains at the same location for more than 24 hours after the initial check, the officer shall:
 - a. Cite the vehicle under Section 15-13.8, ROH 2021; and
 - b. Complete an Abandoned Vehicles form via the HPD intranet. Refer to the attachment for instructions.

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III. DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES AT OWNER'S REQUEST

Citizens desiring disposal of their vehicles shall be referred to the Motor Vehicle Control Section, Department of Customer Services.

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Attachment

Post on bulletin board for one week

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DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ABANDONED VEHICLES FORM

The Abandoned Vehicles form may be accessed via the HPD intranet. To complete the form:

1. Access the HPD intranet home page and select the Information button;
2. Under External Links on the right-hand side of the Information page, click the Abandoned Vehicles link;
3. Select Complaint and then New from the menu;
4. Complete the form and click the Add button to submit the form.

For additional information, contact the Motor Vehicle Control Section, Customer Services Department, at [REDACTED].