

**LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF THE YEAR 2015
PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY POLICE
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE AUTHORIZED BY THE
NEW YORK STATE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wellsville as follows:

SECTION ONE

The Vehicle and Traffic Law of New York expressly authorizes, and in some instances, directs a police officer to impound or store a motor vehicle under certain specified circumstances. It is the purpose of this Local Law No. ___ of 2015 of the Village of Wellsville, to authorize and provide for such impoundment by the Wellsville Village Police Department, under such circumstances.

SECTION TWO

Under such circumstances, including but not necessarily limited to:

Arrest or issuance of a summons or appearance ticket for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, second or third degree; arrest or issuance of a summons or appearance ticket for operation of an uninsured vehicle or unregistered motor vehicle; arrest or issuance of a summons or appearance ticket for driving while intoxicated; failure of the owner or operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident in the State resulting in death or bodily injury to any person, to produce satisfactory evidence of financial security within 48 hours of such accident, the Wellsville Village Police Department, or a police officer of such Department, may impound a motor vehicle by removal and storage of such vehicle, consistent with the provisions of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

SECTION THREE – Storage and Charges

After removal and impoundment of any vehicle pursuant to this Article, the Police Department may store such vehicle in a suitable place; and shall charge the owner or person responsible for the vehicle a charge sufficient to cover the reasonable costs of towing, storage and any other costs incident to the impoundment. No vehicle so impounded may be redeemed or released to the person responsible except upon payment of the charge. The Village of Wellsville shall charge a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) per vehicle to cover impound expenses, plus whatever actual towing fee is incurred. If the owner of a vehicle or person responsible does not claim said vehicle within ten business days, a storage fee of five dollars (\$5) per day will be added to the impound and towing fees for each day the vehicle remains impounded. The amount of the impound and storage fees may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Village Board of Trustees.

SECTION FOUR

If any provision of this Local Law shall be determined or adjudged to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or any part or provision thereof other than the part so adjudged invalid.

SECTION FIVE – Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon proper filing of this Local Law with the Secretary of the State of New York

Passed on the ___ day of _____, 2015.