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Notification Letter  
This is NOT a Receipt

**512-266-8620**

(Registered Owner of Vehicle from MVR response) (Registered Lien Holder from MVR response)

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<Field4>, <Field5> <Field6>

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This vehicle storage facility is in possession of a <Field1> <Field2> <Field3> bearing <Field5> license plate <Field4> and Vehicle Identification number <Field6><Next Record>.

This vehicle tow was authorized by <Field1> from <Field2>, and accepted for storage on <Field3> at <Field4>. The vehicle was towed by <Field5>, Unit #<Field6>, <Field7>, <Field8>, <Field9> <Field10><Next Record>.

Daily Storage Rate	<Field1> per day	<Field8>	<Field9>
Tow Fee	<Field2>	<Field10>	<Field11>
Impound Fee	<Field3>	<Field12>	<Field13>
Notification Fee	<Field4>	<Field14>	<Field15>
Other Fees	<Field7>	<Field16>	<Field17>
Sales Tax on Storage & Impound Fee	<Field5>		

You are advised that you may recover the vehicle by providing proof of ownership, photo identification, and paying all charges. Total storage charges cannot be computed until vehicle is claimed. The storage charge will accrue daily until the vehicle is released: Vehicle Reference number is <Field6> when talking with Vehicle Storage Facility Personnel.

### Chapter 685. Rights of Owners and Operators of Stored Vehicles

#### 685.001. Definitions.

In this chapter:

(1) "Vehicle storage facility" has the meanings assigned by the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, Article 6687-9a, Revised Statutes. (2) "Parking facility," "towing company," and "vehicle" have the meanings assigned by Section 684.001.

#### 685.002. Payment of cost of removal and storage of vehicle.

(a) If in a hearing held under this chapter the court finds that a person or law enforcement agency authorized, with probable cause, the removal and storage in a vehicle storage facility of a vehicle, the person who requested the hearing shall pay the costs of the removal and storage. (b) If in a hearing held under this chapter the court does not find that a person or law enforcement agency authorized, with probable cause, the removal and storage in a vehicle storage facility of a vehicle, the person or law enforcement agency that authorized the removal shall: (1) pay the costs of the removal and storage; or (2) reimburse the owner or operator for the cost of the removal and storage paid by the owner or operator.

#### 685.003. Right of owner or operator of vehicle to hearing.

The owner or operator of a vehicle that has been removed and placed in a vehicle storage facility without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle is entitled to a hearing on whether probable cause existed for the removal and placement.

#### 685.004. Jurisdiction.

(a) A hearing under this chapter is before the justice of the peace or a magistrate in whose jurisdiction is the location from which the vehicle was removed, except as provided by Subsection (b). (b) In a municipality with a population of 1,200,000 or more, a hearing under this chapter is before a judge of a municipal court in whose jurisdiction is the location from which the vehicle was removed.

#### 685.005. Notice to vehicle owner or operator.

(a) If before a hearing held under this chapter the owner or operator of a vehicle pays the costs of the vehicle's removal or storage, the towing company or vehicle storage facility that received the payment shall at the time of payment give the owner or operator written notice of the person's rights under this chapter. (b) The operator of a vehicle storage facility that sends a notice under Section 13, Vehicle Storage Facility Act (Article 6687-9a, Revised Statutes), shall include with that notice a notice of the person's rights under this chapter.

#### 685.006. Contents of notice.

(a) The notice under Section 685.005 must include: (1) a statement of: (A) the person's right to submit a request within 14 days for a court hearing to determine whether probable cause existed to remove the vehicle; (B) the information that a request for a hearing must contain; and (C) any filing fee for the hearing; (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (3) the name, address, and telephone number of the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; and (4) the name, address, telephone number of one or more of the appropriate magistrates as determined under Subsection (b). (b) The notice must include the name, address, and telephone number of: (1) the municipal court of the municipality, if the towing company that removed the vehicle or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed is located in a municipality; or (2) the justice of the peace of the precinct in which the towing company or the vehicle storage facility is located, if the towing company that removed the vehicle or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed is not located in a municipality.

#### 685.007. Request for hearing.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a person entitled to a hearing under this chapter must deliver a written request for the hearing to the court before the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the date the vehicle was removed and placed in the vehicle storage facility, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. (b) A request for hearing must contain: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator of the vehicle; (2) the location from which the vehicle was removed; (3) the date when the vehicle was removed; (4) the name, address, and telephone number of the person or law enforcement agency that authorized the removal; (5) the name, address, and telephone number of the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; (6) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (7) a copy of any receipt or notification that the owner or operator received from the towing company or the vehicle storage facility, and (8) if the vehicle was removed from a parking facility: (A) one or more photographs that show the location and text of any sign posted at the facility restricting parking of vehicles; or (B) a statement that no sign restricting parking was posted at the parking facility. (c) If notice was not given under Section 685.005, the 14-day deadline for requesting a hearing under Subsection (a) does not apply, and the owner or operator of the vehicle may deliver a written request for a hearing at any time. (d) A person who fails to deliver a request in accordance with Subsection (a) waives the right to a hearing.

#### 685.008. Filing fee authorized.

The court may charge a filing fee of \$10 for a hearing under this chapter.

#### 685.009. Hearing.

(a) A hearing under this chapter shall be held before the seventh working day after the date the court receives the request for the hearing. (b) The court shall notify the person who requested the hearing and the person or law enforcement agency that authorized the removal of the vehicle of the date, time, and place of the hearing. (c) The sole issue in a hearing under this chapter is whether probable cause existed for the removal and placement of the vehicle. (d) The court shall make written findings of fact and a conclusion of law. (e) The court may award: (1) court costs to the prevailing party, and (2) the reasonable cost of photographs submitted under Section 685.007(b)(8) to a vehicle owner or operator who is the prevailing party.

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