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## **PROCEDURES FOR RELEASE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES**

If a vehicle has been impounded pursuant to a blight violation notice (BVN) having been issued to you, or to the recipient of the BVN who was operating your vehicle, pursuant to Detroit City Code Section 22-1-32, in order to post a bond or make a payment to obtain release of the vehicle you must do the following:

I. **If You are the Respondent and Vehicle Owner:**

**OPTION 1:**

- a. Admit responsibility for the blight violation notice;
- b. Pay the judgment amount: the total amount of fines and costs; and
- c. Obtain a Receipt for payment of the judgment amount; **OR**

**OPTION 2:**

- a. Deny responsibility and pay a bond in the amount of \$1500; and
- b. Obtain a receipt for payment of the bond.

II. **If You are the Vehicle Owner But Not the Respondent:**

- a. Show proof of ownership of the vehicle, i.e. driver's license and registration;
- b. Pay a bond in the amount of \$1500; and
- c. Obtain a receipt for payment of the bond.

III. **Upon Posting Bond or Paying the Judgment Amount, You Must Further:**

- a. Contact the General Assignment Unit at 313-235-4359 and/or any number that was provided by officers upon the vehicle being seized.
- b. Obtain from the Detroit Police Department an executed "Property Release; and
- c. Follow further instructions from the Detroit Police as to how to obtain the vehicle from the tow yard; and

**NOTE:** Only the **registered owner** of the vehicle will be able to obtain a "Property Release" from the Detroit Police Department and obtain a release of the vehicle from the tow yard.