

# TITLE 6

## PUBLIC PROPERTY — ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION, AND MAINTENANCE

### CHAPTER 650

#### LINN COUNTY PUBLIC PARKING CODE

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### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 650.001 Title

This Chapter, LCC 650, shall be known and may be cited as the Linn County Public Parking Code” or simply as the “Parking Code.”  
[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

#### 650.005 Statement of Purpose

It is the intent of Linn County, by enacting this Chapter, to provide for the removal of unlawfully parked vehicles from both County Parking Lots and County Property. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to limit or prohibit the application of LCC 510 for removing abandoned vehicles from County Property or public right-of-ways.  
[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

#### 650.010 Definitions

- (A) "**Board**" means the Linn County Board of Commissioners.
- (B) "**County**" means Linn County.
- (C) "**County employee**" means any person regularly employed by Linn County.
- (D) "**County parking authority**" means the Board of County Commissioners, or a County employee with delegated authority to manage a County Parking Lot.
- (E) "**County Parking Lot**" means an area of County-owned real property consisting of one or more parking spaces grouped and so distinguished by appropriate signs or other visible markers, and which has been designated by a County parking authority for use by County employees or by visitors attending to business at a Linn County facility.

(F) "**County Property**" means any real property owned or under the control of Linn County that isn't a County Parking Lot, including, but not limited to, any Linn County public park, recreation area, forest, tax-foreclosed real property, or fairground facility, but not including public road rights-of-way.

(G) "**Designated Parking Space**" means a parking space that has been designated by a County parking authority for use by a particular County employee or County employees in general.

(H) "**Fairground facility**" means any County-owned real property, excluding County Parking Lots, located within, or under the management of, the Linn County Fair and Expo Center.

(I) "**Forest**" means any of the areas listed in LCC 610.570.

(J) "**LCC**" means the Linn County Code.

(K) (1) "**Operator**" means and includes every individual who shall operate a vehicle as the owner thereof, or as the agent, employee, permittee of the owner or is in actual physical control of the vehicle.

(2) Any person in whose name a vehicle is registered as the owner by the Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Transportation, shall be presumed to be the operator of such vehicle unless such owner shows as a matter of affirmative defense, that some other person is or was at the appropriate time, the operator of such vehicle.

(L) "**Park**" or "**parking**" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading passengers, or cargo, obeying traffic signals or direction, or involuntary stopping by reason of causes beyond the control of the operator.

(M) "**Parking space**" means the area delineated by markings upon the surface of the pavement and closed at one end by a barricade or other barricading structure.

(N) "**Person**" means and includes an individual, firm, copartnership, association, or

corporation.

(O) "**Public park**" means any of the areas listed in LCC 610.550. The term includes any campgrounds or recreation sites therein.

(P) "**Recreation area**" means any of the areas listed in LCC 610.560. This terms also includes any areas not otherwise defined under LCC 610, but for which Linn County is responsible to maintain and/or administer for recreational use by the public.

(Q) "**Tax-foreclosed real property**" means any real property that has been deeded to the County as a result of a tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to ORS 312.

(R) "**Tower**" means a person issued a towing business certificate under ORS 822.205.

(S) "**Unlawfully parked vehicle**" means a vehicle parked or left standing in violation of this Chapter.

(T) "**Vehicle**" or "**motor vehicle**" means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway and includes vehicles that are propelled or powered by any means. "Vehicles" includes vehicles that are inoperative, disabled, wrecked, partially dismantled, or junked.

[Adopted 79-185 §1.1 eff 1/17/79; amd 92-067 §6 eff 4/15/92; amd 20-011 eff 5/4/20; amd 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

## **650.100 [repealed]**

[Adopted 92-067 §2 eff 4/15/92; repealed 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

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## **II. LINN COUNTY PARKING RULES**

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### **650.110 Authority to designate and prohibit parking**

(A) A County parking authority may designate areas owned by or under the control of Linn County as a County Parking Lot or a Designated Parking Space subject to this Chapter.

(B) A County parking authority may restrict or prohibit parking on any County Property subject to this Chapter.

(C) The Board may adopt additional rules and regulations related to the operation or parking of motor vehicles on any County Property

or County Parking Lot in accordance ORS 203.  
[Adopted 79-185 §1.2 eff 1/17/79; amd 92-067 §7 eff 4/15/92; amd 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

**650.150 Signage required for County Parking Lots or Designated Parking Spaces**

All County Parking Lots or Designated Parking Spaces shall have signage displayed in plain view, particularly at or near the entrances to or boundaries of such County Parking Lot or Designated Parking Space, providing notice of the restrictions or prohibitions on public parking within that particular County Parking Lot or Designated Space. Such signage must use clear and conspicuous language, and it must reference this Chapter and any relevant statutes under which the vehicle may be towed. If such signage is either absent or inadequately posted, the parking lot or space shall be considered County Property, and any unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed in accordance with LCC 650.220 only.

[Adopted 79-185 §1.2 eff 1/17/79; amd 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; amd 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.160 Parking violations within County Parking Lots and Designated Parking Spaces**

(A) No operator shall park any vehicle otherwise than within the delineated parking space, and so that the front end of such vehicle is forward to the barricades end of such space.

(B) No operator shall park any vehicle in a Designated Parking Space unless such vehicle, or the operator thereof, is assigned by a County parking authority to park in such a Designated Parking Space.

(C) No operator shall park any vehicle in a County Parking Lot between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday unless:

(1) Where expressly permitted in accordance with LCC 650.150, the operator is a County employee; or

(2) Where expressly permitted in accordance with LCC 650.150, the operator is attending to business at a Linn County facility.

(D) No operator shall park any vehicle in a Linn County Parking Lot in violation of any additional restrictions or prohibitions on public

parking posted pursuant to LCC 650.150.

(E) All operators shall obey the order of the Linn County Sheriff or his deputies for the purpose of controlling an emergency or directing traffic on, or at the entrances to, County Parking Lots.

(F) At all times those persons not having a legitimate right to be in County Parking Lot shall be forbidden to interfere with the use of the County Parking Lots.

[Adopted 79-185 §§ 2.0 - 2.7 eff 1/17/79; amd 92-067 §8 eff 4/15/92; amd 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; amd 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.170 Parking violations on County Property**

No operator shall park or leave standing any vehicle upon County Property without the express consent of the County.

[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

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**III. REMOVAL OF UNLAWFULLY PARKED VEHICLES**

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**650.210 Unlawfully parked vehicle parked or left standing on a County Parking Lot or Designated Parking Space**

A County parking authority, or a County employee delegated authority therefrom, may have a tower immediately tow and lawfully store an unlawfully parked vehicle from a County Parking Lot or Designated Parking Space under the provisions of ORS 98.812.

[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; repealed 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.220 Unlawfully parked vehicle parked or left standing on County Property**

(A) Non-emergency Towing from County Property.

(1) A County parking authority, or a County employee delegated authority therefrom, may have a tower tow and lawfully store an unlawfully parked vehicle from County Property if the County employee provides written notice as follows:

(a) By affixing notice to the vehicle for at least 72 hours; and

(b) By sending a certified letter addressed to the registered owner of the vehicle with return receipt requested and postage prepaid thereon.

(2) Both the notice and the certified letter required under this subsection (A) shall be signed by the County employee and shall include the following information:

(a) A statement that the vehicle is parked unlawfully on County-owned property;

(b) That the vehicle will be towed if it is not removed within 72 hours from the date of the notice;

(c) A description of the vehicle to be towed;

(d) The location of the property from which the vehicle will be towed;

(e) Contact information for the County department that is responsible for managing the County Property from which the vehicle will be towed;

(f) A statement confirming that, if the vehicle is towed, the tower will have the right to retain possession of the vehicle and its contents until the just and reasonable charges for the towage, care, and storage have been paid; and

(g) A statement that the County employee has complied with the requirements of ORS 98.830.

(3) An unlawfully parked vehicle towed under this subsection (A) is subject to the provisions of ORS 98.830.

**(B) Emergency Towing from County Property.**

(1) A County employee with legal authority to manage County Property may have a tower immediately tow and lawfully store an unlawfully parked vehicle from County Property in the following circumstances:

(a) The vehicle is parked in a manner that may be deemed hazardous to health or safety;

(b) The vehicle is in possession of a person taken into custody by a law enforcement agency;

(c) The vehicle is unlawfully parked within a recreation area or public park without a lawful permit, or is otherwise in violation of LCC 610;

(d) The vehicle is parked upon a fairground facility without the express written consent of the Fair & Expo Center Director, or a delegate thereof; or

(e) The vehicle is otherwise shown to be impeding the County's ability to provide services to the public.

(2) An unlawfully parked vehicle towed under this subsection (B) is subject to the provisions of ORS 98.812.

[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; amd 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.230 [repealed]**

[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; repealed 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.240 Documentation required**

A County employee that tows a vehicle under this Chapter must keep written documentation of the following information:

(A) The location from which the unlawfully parked vehicle was towed;

(B) The circumstances of the tow;

(C) A description of the vehicle;

(D) A copy of all notices;

(E) The name and contact information of the tower used to tow the vehicle; and

(F) The location where the vehicle is being lawfully stored.

[Adopted 2020-011 eff 5/4/20; amd 21-192 eff 10/18/21]

**650.300 [repealed]**

[Adopted 85-013 §4 eff 2/6/85; part of the original section is found in LCC 210.900; renumbered from 210.120; see LCC 650.900; repealed 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

**650.410 [repealed]**

[Adopted 79-185 §5.1 eff 1/17/79; repealed 2020-013 eff 5/4/20]

**650.500 [repealed]**

[Adopted 92-067 §§3 and 4 eff 4/15/92; repealed 2020-013 eff 5/4/20]

**650.599 [repealed]**

[Adopted 92-067 §§3 and 5 eff 4/15/92; repealed 2020-013 eff 5/4/20]

**650.620 [repealed]**

[Adopted 78-195 eff 10/17/78; repealed 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

**650.630 [repealed]**

[Adopted 78-195 eff 10/17/78; repealed 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

**650.650 [repealed]**

[Adopted 78-195 eff 10/17/78; repealed 2020-013 eff 5/4/20]

**650.900 [repealed]**

[Adopted 79-185 §3.0 - 3.6 eff 1/17/79; amd 88-536 §2 eff 10/12/88; amd 92-067 §9 eff 4/15/92; subsection (F) adopted 85-013 §4 eff 2/6/85 is renumbered from 210.900, it was originally part of LCC 210.120; see LCC 650.300; repealed 2020-011 eff 5/4/20]

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**Statutory References and Authorities:**

ORS 98.805 to 98.840; 98.853; 203; 819.100 to 819.230

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#1 78-195 eff 10/17/78

#2 88-536 §2 eff 10/12/88

#3 92-067 eff 4/15/92

#4 95-177 eff 5/10/95

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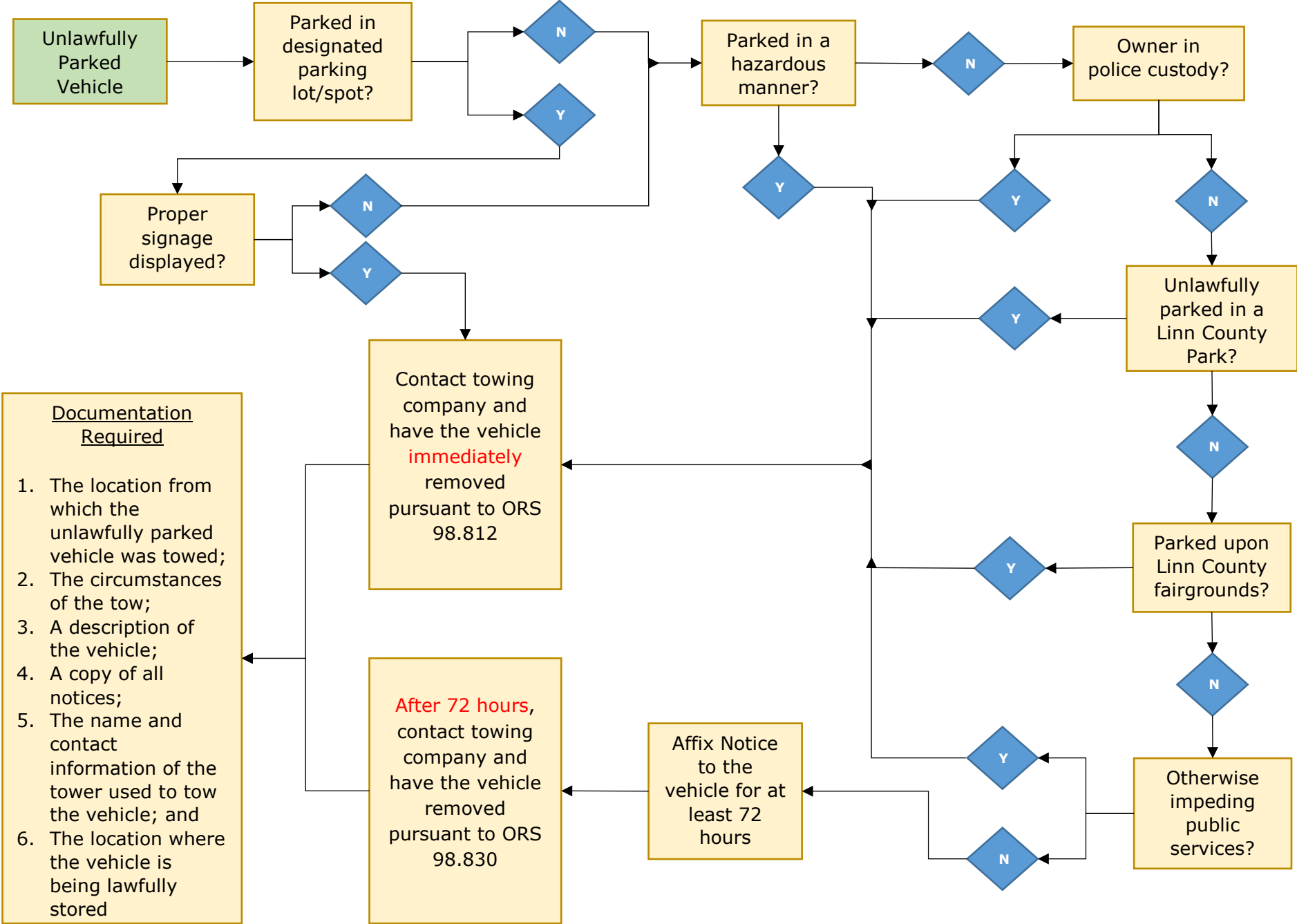
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# APPENDIX A – EMPLOYEE FLOWCHART



- Documentation Required**
1. The location from which the unlawfully parked vehicle was towed;
  2. The circumstances of the tow;
  3. A description of the vehicle;
  4. A copy of all notices;
  5. The name and contact information of the tower used to tow the vehicle; and
  6. The location where the vehicle is being lawfully stored