

FORT LEE PARKING AUTHORITY
IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES POLICY

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statute and Borough Ordinance and to promote the general welfare, the Fort Lee Parking Authority (Hereinafter "Parking Authority") provides off-street parking to relieve traffic congestion and thereby foster the free flow of traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Authority has constructed the Guntzer Street Parking Garage and surface lot (hereinafter, "Parking Area") to provide off-street parking to residents and businesses within the Borough, which parking is available on a daily or monthly permit basis; and

WHEREAS, there are instances where monthly permit holders leave their vehicles, in the garage, for extended periods of time, without making subsequent monthly payments enabling their vehicle to be parking in the Parking Area; and

WHEREAS, monthly permit holders that fail to pay for their permits deny parking for other patrons, who must then seek out on-street parking, contributing to traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Parking Authority desires to establish an immobilization/towing policy to enforce the permitting requirements of the Authority and to prevent parkers from leaving their vehicles in the garage without purchasing a permit,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fort Lee Parking Authority, that it hereby adopts the following policy to address permit parking violations at the Guntzer Street Parking Garage and surface lot:

1. The Authority shall post signage, conspicuously, advising parkers of the within policy. The signage shall be of a size and frequency of placement as recommended by the Borough Engineer, Executive Director and General Counsel;

2. The signage shall advise those parking within the Parking Area that should they leave their vehicle in the Parking Area for more than 72 hours beyond the expiration of their permit or permitted parking time, that their vehicle will be subject to immobilization or towing;

3. Prior to immobilization or towing of the vehicle, the Parking Authority will reach out to the owner of the vehicle, at the email address and phone number provided by the owner. If the Parking Authority does not receive a response from the owner, or the owner will not comply with the requirements to park a vehicle in the Parking Area, then the Parking Authority will proceed to immobilize the vehicle or have the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

4. Further, the owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this policy shall be subject to a parking summons and penalty, fines and court costs assessed by the Municipal Court for violation of the Borough's Ordinances. Additionally, to obtain release of their vehicle the parker will be required to pay the immobilization fee or towing fee, as the case may be, as well as any accumulated storage costs to obtain release of their vehicle;

5. If the motor vehicle is not retrieved by the owner and fines paid by 12:00 midnight of the 30th day following the day of which the vehicle was impounded or immobilized, the vehicle may be sold at a public auction as provided by N.J.S.A. 39:4-139.13a, b, c and d.