

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 0-27-2013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IV, § 26-303 OF THE KNOXVILLE CITY CODE RELATING TO REQUIRING NOTIFICATION TO THE KNOXVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO NONCONSENSUAL TOWING OF VEHICLES.

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REQUESTED BY: KPD

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WHEREAS, TENN. CODE ANN. § 55-16-105 has been amended to require notification to local law enforcement prior to the towing of a vehicle when the owner is not present; and

WHEREAS, the current Knoxville City Code requires notification to the Knoxville Police Department within one hour of the completion of the towing of a vehicle without the consent of the owner; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville has determined that it is in the public interest, safety, and welfare of the City of Knoxville that Chapter 26, Article IV of the Knoxville City Code be amended to comply with state law and require notification to the Knoxville Police Department prior to the towing of a vehicle when the owner is not present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: Chapter 26, Article IV of the Knoxville City Code is hereby amended by deleting the existing § 26-303 and by substituting in its place the following as a new § 26-303:

Notification to department of nonconsensual tows.

Prior to towing any vehicle without the consent of the owner or when the owner of the vehicle is not present, the person, firm or entity towing the vehicle shall notify the department of the location from which the vehicle is being towed, the vehicle identification number (VIN), registration information, license plate number, make, model and color of the vehicle. The department shall keep a record of all such information which shall be available for public inspection.

SECTION 2: The Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.


Presiding Officer of the Council


City Recorder