

VEHICLE ABATEMENT/ABANDONED VEHICLE UNIT UPDATES

As of February 1st, 2022 the Austin Police Department's Vehicle Abatement/Abandoned Vehicle Unit will be adjusting its mission statement and processes. Due to current manpower shortages & limited resources these adjustments are needed in order to better serve the Austin Community. It is our hope that these adjustments will help decrease the response time for service requests.

Going forth the unit will only respond to service reports pertaining to the "lack of operational condition" of a reported vehicle or factors that render a vehicle non-operational. Examples of this are as follows:

- Flat / Deflated Tires
- Extremely low inflated tires that would hinder the forward or rear motion of the vehicle
 - Signs of extreme fluid leakage
 - Signs of mechanical parts hanging loose under chassis
- Missing parts that prevent the vehicle from being driven safely
 - Dead batteries
- Dismantled interiors that would prevent the vehicle from being driven safely
- Crash damage with enough severity that would prevent the vehicle from being driven safely
 - Parts, cables, hoses, and belts that are missing (*if* hood can be opened to check)
 - Vehicles under repair – no matter what the repair status is
 - Vehicles up on jack stands
 - Extreme amounts of debris under, on, and surrounding vehicle
 - If vehicle is being used as storage facility on public roadway
 - Oversized vehicles parked in a residential area of 35 mph or less
 - Expired registration/inspection stickers beyond 5 years
 - Unattached trailers

Reports pertaining to a vehicle's positioning while parked: Left wheel to curb (parked facing the flow of traffic), 18 inches from curb, parked within 15ft of fire hydrant, within 20ft of crosswalk, parked on street with for sale sign posted, or within 30ft of stop sign. These parking issues are a separate issue and handled by a separate department than are abandoned vehicles. The parking issues listed in this paragraph should be forwarded to Austin Parking Enforcement unless one of the listed parking infractions *also* includes an issue that prevents it from being operated.

Service request/complaints that do not fall under these new current guidelines will not be worked and immediately closed out to allow the officers to move on to the next service request.