



**SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
PERMITS UNIT  
Ph: (408) 277-4452



**All fees are non-refundable**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY INSTRUCTIONS**

The City of San Jose enacted Chapter 6.66 of the Municipal Code in order to protect the rights of property owners and citizens when vehicles are towed from private property. The provisions of Chapter 6.66 require that certain conditions be met PRIOR to the removal of a vehicle. These conditions include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The property owner must submit a properly completed application to the San Jose Police Permits Unit. **An original application is required. A photocopy of the completed original will not be accepted.**
2. The appropriate fee payment must accompany the application. The fee is currently set by City Council and can be found on our website [http://www.sjpd.org/PDF\\_Forms/Permit\\_Fees.pdf](http://www.sjpd.org/PDF_Forms/Permit_Fees.pdf). If applying by mail, **DO NOT SEND CASH.**  
\* Make check payable to the **City of San Jose.**
3. All entrances must display the required signs, which must be clearly visible to the public. All signs must be posted before submitting the application.
4. All signs must conform to Municipal Code section 6.66.280. Attached is a copy of that section. Authorized only section of the sign must have a name and phone number. Manager/Management is not acceptable.
5. Upon receipt of the completed application and fee, an on site inspection will be conducted. Towing vehicles is prohibited until the application has been approved. Properties requiring additional inspections may be assessed an additional inspection fee.
6. The property owner or his agent must sign a tow receipt authorizing the Tow Company to remove a vehicle at the time of each tow.
7. ***Change in property ownership or Tow Company voids private property tow permit on file. A new application and fees must be submitted with 10 days of change.***

**Attached is a Private Property Tow Application**

Please fill out all of the information that is requested on the application. This is the address that application will be filed under. All future updates must list this address. If there is more than one address associated with the property then all other addresses need to be listed in the body of the application. Please submit a map of the property when possible.

After completion please return it along with the appropriate fees to:

**San Jose Police Department  
Permits Unit  
201 West Mission Street  
San Jose CA 95110  
(408) 277-4452**



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**PRIVATE PROPERTY TOW APPLICATION**

**New**                       **Update**

**NAME OF PROPERTY**(BUSINESS/HOA/COMPLEX NAME)

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

**PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BUS PH: \_\_\_\_\_ HM PH \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNERS OR AGENTS AUTHORIZING VEHICLES TO BE TOWED:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSN PH: \_\_\_\_\_ HM PH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BUSN PH: \_\_\_\_\_ HM PH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**My above-designated agent(s) or I will assume responsibility for the authorization of any tows from the listed property.**

**TOW COMPANY INFORMATION (must include name of company and phone number):**

TOW COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the above application. I also understand that all vehicles towed from private property are subject to provision of Chapter 6.66 of the San Jose Municipal Code. (Refer to CVC 22658)*

OWNER/AGENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

DATE PAID: _____	ID: _____	DATE PAID: _____	ID: _____
ACCT NO: _____	FEE: _____	ACCT NO: _____	FEE: _____
RECEIPT NO: _____		RECEIPT NO. _____	
INSPECTION DATE: _____		REINSPECTION DATE: _____	
OFFICER : _____	BADGE: _____	OFFICER: _____	BADGE: _____

**APPROVED**     **DENIED**                       **APPROVED**     **DENIED**

Address/Number	
Direction	
Street Name	
St/Ct/Dr/Wy/Ln	
Major Cross Street	



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## IMPORTANT LOCAL & STATE CODES FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS

### **San Jose Municipal Code 6.66.280**

- A. It shall be responsibility of the owner or real property to maintain the required signs prior to causing the removal of any vehicle from said private property.
1. The property owner shall be liable to the vehicle owner in the event required signs were not property posted.
  2. The property owner is sole responsible for the proper posting and maintaining of the required signs:

### **San Jose Municipal Code 6.66.270(D)**

No property owner or agent shall cause the removal of any vehicle from such private property unless the property owner **FIRST SIGNS** the tow receipt in the possession of the tow car driver or tow car business assistant; and, by such signature declare that at the time of the tow the signs were displayed in **PLAIN VIEW** at each **ENTRANCE** to the property, sufficient signs giving the public warning that public property is prohibited/restricted and that all unauthorized vehicles would be towed and stored.

### **NOTE: TOW RECEIPT MUST BE SIGNED AT THE TIME OF THE TOW:**

Fire lanes and handicapped parking may be towed without signature if the property was approved for this during the initial permit inspection.

### **CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 22953(A)**

Every owner or person in lawful possession of any private property which is held open to the public, or discernible portion thereof, for parking of vehicles at no fee, **SHALL NOT TOW** or remove, or cause the towing or removal, of any vehicle **WITHIN ONE HOUR OF THE VEHICLE BEING PARKED.**

### **CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE 22658(I)**

A towing company shall not remove or commence removal of a vehicle from private property **WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION** from the property owner or lessee, or an employee or agent thereof, **WHICH SHALL BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF REMOVAL.** General Authorization to remove or commence removal of a vehicle at the towing company's **DISCRETION SHALL NOT BE DELEGATED TO A TOWING COMPANY** or its affiliates except in the case of a vehicle unlawfully parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire lane, or in a manner which interferes with any entrance to, or exit from, the private property.

## **Chapter 6.66.270**

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### **6.66.280 - Posting required signs upon private property -Maintenance of signs required - Responsibility.**

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of real property to maintain the required signs prior to causing the removal of any vehicle from said private property.
1. The property owner shall be liable to the vehicle owner in the event required signs were not properly posted;
  2. The property owner is solely responsible for the proper posting and maintaining of the required signs;
  3. Each sign shall be no smaller than eighteen inches high and twenty-four inches wide;
  4. Each sign shall carry the warning: "PARKING RESTRICTED 24 HRS. A DAY-UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AWAY AT THE VEHICLES OWNER'S EXPENSE"--"PARKING AUTHORIZED ONLY BY:"-and the name of the business establishment authorizing the public parking;
  5. There shall exist a marked contrast between the painted letters and the background, with the words "PARKING RESTRICTED 24 HRS. A DAY" and "TOWED AWAY," and "AUTHORIZED ONLY BY:" giving additional highlighting.
  6. The words "PARKING RESTRICTED 24 HRS. A DAY," "TOWED AWAY," and "AUTHORIZED ONLY BY:" shall be printed in letters no less than three inches high. The remaining warning shall be printed in letters not less than one inch high.
  7. Each sign shall convey the message in words no less than one inch in height that the persons seeking to locate their towed vehicles should contact the San José police department, auto desk, (408) 277-4156 and the name of the tow company and telephone number.
  8. In accordance with the California Vehicle Code, all signing or curb markings warning of tow-away where determined necessary by the Chief of Police may require warning as to who determines which vehicles are authorized, length of permitted parking to conduct necessary business, and other appropriate cautions to warn away the prohibited public use of the property.

(Prior code § 6711.31a; Ords. 21568, 21906.)



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PERMITTED TOW COMPANIES FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY TOWING

The following listed tow companies are currently permitted by the San Jose Police Department and the City of San Jose to do Private Property Towing:

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| 1.  | A & A Towing          | 238-7607 |
| 2.  | Alviso Towing         | 946-8606 |
| 3.  | Bob's Towing          | 866-7777 |
| 4.  | Campbell's Towing     | 295-7490 |
| 5.  | D & M Towing          | 578-2233 |
| 6.  | Extreme Towing        | 293-4778 |
| 7.  | F & M Towing          | 998-5714 |
| 8.  | JF Towing             | 929-0105 |
| 9.  | Lima Towing           | 986-8267 |
| 10. | ProStar Towing        | 942-0305 |
| 11. | Rebello's Towing      | 292-8300 |
| 12. | Silva Brothers Towing | 972-9910 |
| 13. | Southbay Towing       | 354-4838 |
| 14. | Unique Towing         | 249-5253 |

Should you have any questions about this form, or complaints regarding any of these companies, contact:

Investigator Jose A. Martinez #3343  
 Tow Business Administrator  
 San Jose Police Department  
 Permits Unit  
 Ph: (408) 277-4452.

**THIS SIGN CONFORMS TO SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIREMENTS  
SIGN MUST BE NO SMALLER THAN 18 INCHES HIGH AND 24 INCHES WIDE**

