

ORDINANCE NO. 0030-25 Impounding Vehicles Involved in Reckless Driving (Recreated)

DATE OF ENACTMENT: January 20, 2026

SUMMARY OF SUBJECT MATTER AND MAIN POINTS:

Section 94-23 of the Code was repealed and recreated to align with what is now Wisconsin law on impounding vehicles involved in reckless driving offenses. Police officers may impound any vehicle involved in a reckless driving offense, regardless of whether the person charged with reckless driving is the owner of the vehicle, has a prior conviction for reckless driving, or any unpaid forfeiture.

Additionally, this legislation places conditions on the recovery of a vehicle impounded under this ordinance; specifically, that the vehicle is returned only to the owner and that any outstanding fine, forfeiture, and/or costs associated with the impounding of the vehicle are fully paid. This ordinance also requires that the police department determine whether the impounded vehicle was reported as stolen and, if so, attempt to contact the owner and return the vehicle to the owner without fee or charge. Further provided is the procedure that governs the disposal of unclaimed vehicles that are impounded under this ordinance.

ORDINANCE LOCATION INFORMATION:

Chapter 94, Article I, Section 94-23 of the City of Racine Municipal Code of Ordinances.

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