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95.01 STORAGE FEE. For all vehicles or items stored in the County's leased or owned facilities, a fee of Four Dollars (\$4.00) per day shall be charged for such storage. The fee shall be assessed from the first day stored, except in the case of vehicles sold under Section 95.04, below, or vehicles seized as evidence and in cases where the Court orders storage fees abated. In these instances, fees shall be assessed commencing thirty (30) days after the registered letter authorizing release of the stored vehicle is sent to the last known address of the owner of the vehicle.

95.02 PAYMENT OF STORAGE FEES. Said storage fees shall be paid upon release of said stored items to the owner except that if the items are being sold, then said fees shall be paid out of the proceeds from the sale of said items.

95.03 ITEMS NOT RECLAIMED. Each retained vehicle or item not reclaimed by its owner or lienholder within thirty (30) days after sending written notice to the last known address of the owner may be sold. The Sheriff or his designee may dispose of the vehicle or item by sealed bid or auction sale. At such sale, the highest bid of any such motor vehicle or item shall be accepted unless the same is deemed inadequate by the County representative, in which event all bids may be rejected. If all bids are rejected or no bid is received, the County may either re-advertise the sale, adjourn the sale to a definite date, sell the motor vehicle or item at a private sale, or junk the same. Any interested person may offer bids on each abandoned vehicle or item to be sold.

95.04 OBLIGATIONS AFTER SALE. Upon sale of any abandoned vehicle, Sheboygan County shall supply the purchaser with a completed form designed by the Sheriff's Department enabling the purchaser to obtain a regular certificate of title for the vehicle. The purchaser of any item shall then have ten (10) days to remove the vehicle from the storage area but shall pay a reasonable storage fee established by Sheboygan County for each day the item remains in storage after the second business day subsequent to the sale date. Ten (10) days after the sale, the purchaser shall forfeit all interest in the item and said item shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be sold again. Any listing of items to be sold by Sheboygan County shall be made available to any interested person or organization which makes a written request for such list at a fee for the lists similar to costs for other copies of public records.

95.05 IMMOBILIZATION OF VEHICLES. In the event the Sheriff's Department is directed by any court of record, pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 346 to immobilize any vehicle, the owner thereof shall pay a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to the Sheriff's Department at the time the vehicle is immobilized as reimbursement for the Department's costs in such immobilization and subsequent removal of immobilization equipment.

95.06 DAMAGES FOR LOST, DAMAGED, OR DESTROYED IMMOBILIZATION DEVICES. If any immobilization device is lost, damaged, or destroyed while connected to a vehicle, the owner shall be liable for the cost of replacing the immobilization device including, but not limited to, any costs incurred by the Department in attempting to recoup the cost of the device.