SUMMARY:

This policy provides guidelines for towing of vehicles by the Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety.

POLICY:

Coastal Carolina University, as a state agency, will enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the safe operation, parking, and registration of motor vehicles on both on-campus and off-campus properties. In order to enforce the rules and regulations of the university and to promote public safety, the Department of Public Safety has the authority to tow vehicles.

PROCEDURES:

The owner or driver of a towed car will be responsible for all towing and storage fees. Towing services will be selected on a rotating basis from an approved list maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

The Department of Public Safety may summon a local towing service to remove and store a vehicle from university property for any of the following reasons:

- Parked in a fire lane
- Parked at a fire hydrant
- Parked in a loading zone
- Parked blocking a refuse dumpster
- Parked in a space reserved for the handicapped
- Parked inside an area marked or delineated by traffic cones
- Parked in an area that has been marked for “No Parking” with temporary signage
- Parked in a space that has been reserved by permanent signage
- Parked in a manner that prevents the egress of lawfully parked vehicles
- Parked on grass or any other area that is not hard surfaced with asphalt or concrete and is not a clearly designated parking area
• Vehicle is a traffic obstruction/hazard
• Vehicle is left abandoned on university property
• Incident to the lawful arrest of the driver or owner of the vehicle
• The vehicle is equipped with an alarm device which emits an audible tone for longer than three minutes and is disruptive to the academic environment of the university
• The vehicle is evidence in a crime and is impounded for law enforcement investigative purposes.