

Decree No. (29) of 2015
Concerning
Impoundment of Vehicles in the Emirate of Dubai¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Federal Law No. (21) of 1995 Concerning Road Traffic, its Implementing Bylaw, and their amendments;

Ministerial Resolution No. (127) of 2008 Concerning Road Traffic Control Rules and Procedures;

Dubai Police Law of 1966 and its Implementing Bylaw No. (1) of 1984;

Law No. (35) of 2009 Concerning Management of the Public Funds of the Government of Dubai and its amendments;

Law No. (23) of 2015 Concerning Disposition of Impounded Vehicles in the Emirate of Dubai;

Regulation No. (4) of 2008 Concerning the Use and Licensing of Recreational Motorcycles in the Emirate of Dubai and its amendments; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (3) of 2010 Concerning Payments for Release of Vehicles Impounded by Dubai Police; and

With the aim of safeguarding lives and property, ensuring traffic safety, and reducing traffic accidents in the Emirate of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Decree.

Definitions
Article (1)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Decree, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate: The Emirate of Dubai.

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¹*Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.*

Police:	The Dubai Police.
General Commander:	The general commander of the Police.
Vehicle:	Any motorised machine, motorcycle, carriage, or other machine designed to run on roads, whether mechanically propelled or otherwise. This includes heavy Vehicles and Recreational Motorcycles.
Recreational Motorcycle:	A two- or more-wheeled motor Vehicle licensed for use in all terrains, except paved Roads.
Road:	Any public way on which Vehicles are allowed to travel, including all roads, public squares, bridges, public car parks, pavements, and pedestrian crossings.

Cases of Mandatory Administrative Impoundment of Vehicles Article (2)

Without prejudice to the penalties and measures prescribed by the legislation in force in the Emirate, a Vehicle will be impounded by the Police in the following cases:

1. participating in a Road race without first obtaining a permit from the Police;
2. riding the Recreational Motorcycle on a paved Road;
3. making substantial modifications to the Vehicle which result in increasing its speed limit or making loud sounds or noise when operating or driving it;
4. issuing traffic fines in excess of six thousand Dirhams (AED 6,000.00) against the Vehicle;
5. driving the Vehicle with an expired licence after the lapse of three (3) months from expiry of the same, without any valid reason;
6. driving the Vehicle recklessly or in a manner that compromises the safety of others; or
7. escaping from the Police personnel.

**Cases of Discretionary Administrative
Impoundment of Vehicles
Article (3)**

Without prejudice to the penalties and measures prescribed by the legislation in force in the Emirate, the General Commander or his authorised representative may, based on a traffic violation report, impound a Vehicle in any of the cases indicated in the Schedule attached to this Decree, in which case the period of impoundment must not exceed the period indicated opposite to the relevant case.

**Release of Vehicles Subject to Mandatory or
Discretionary Administrative Impoundment
Article (4)**

- a. A Vehicle impounded in any of the cases referred to in sub-paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of Article (2) of this Decree will be released upon the payment by its Owner of the following amount:
 - 1. one hundred thousand Dirhams (AED 100,000.00), where the Vehicle is impounded pursuant to sub-paragraph (1) of Article (2) of this Decree;
 - 2. fifty thousand Dirhams (50,000.00), where the Vehicle is a Recreational Motorcycle impounded pursuant to sub-paragraph (2) of Article (2) of this Decree; or
 - 3. ten thousand Dirhams (10,000.00), where the Vehicle is impounded pursuant to sub-paragraph (3), (6), or (7) of Article (2) of this Decree.
- b. A Vehicle impounded pursuant to sub-paragraph (4) of Article (2) of this Decree will be released upon the payment by its Owner of the fines imposed on him.
- c. A Vehicle impounded pursuant to sub-paragraph (5) of Article (2) of this Decree will be released upon renewal of the Vehicle's licence by its Owner.
- d. A Vehicle impounded by the Police in any of the cases mentioned in the Schedule attached to this Decree will be released subject to the following:
 - 1. lapse of the impoundment period, or payment by the Vehicle's Owner of the amounts stated in paragraph (e) of this Article to release the impounded Vehicle;
 - 2. settlement of all fines payable as per the traffic file;
 - 3. remedy or redress of the violation; and
 - 4. fulfilment of any other conditions determined pursuant to the relevant resolutions issued by the General Commander.

- e. A Vehicle impounded pursuant to the provisions of the above-mentioned Ministerial Resolution No. (127) of 2008 in any case other than those provided for in this Decree will be released upon the payment by the Vehicle Owner of one hundred Dirhams (AED 100.00), if it is a light Vehicle, or two hundred Dirhams (AED 200.00), if it is a heavy Vehicle, per each day of the impoundment period or of the remaining days thereof.
- f. If the Owner of an impounded Vehicle fails to reclaim it after the lapse of the impoundment period, he must pay fifty Dirhams (AED 50.00) per each day of stay of the Vehicle in the impoundment area after the lapse of that period.

Additional Measures

Article (5)

In addition to the penalties and measures prescribed by the legislation in force in the Emirate, where a non-UAE national driver of a heavy Vehicle drives through a red light, he will be administratively deported from the United Arab Emirates.

Sale of Impounded Vehicles at Public Auction

Article (6)

Where the Owner of a Vehicle impounded pursuant to this Decree fails to take the necessary action to reclaim the Vehicle within three (3) months from the date of its impoundment, the Vehicle will be sold at public auction in accordance with the provisions and procedures stipulated in the above-mentioned Law No. (23) of 2015.

Grievances

Article (7)

Any affected party may submit to the General Commander a written grievance against any decision, procedure, or measure taken against him in accordance with this Decree or the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, within fifteen (15) days from the date of being notified of the contested decision, procedure, or measure. The grievance will be determined, within thirty (30) days of its submission, by a committee formed by the General Commander for this purpose, and the decision issued by the committee on the grievance will be final.

Payment of Collected Amounts

Article (8)

The amounts collected pursuant to this Decree will be paid to the Public Treasury of the Government of Dubai.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions
Article (9)

The General Commander will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of this Decree.

Repeals
Article (10)

The above-mentioned Executive Council Resolution No. (3) of 2010 is hereby repealed. Any provision in any other legislation will also be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Decree.

Publication and Commencement
Article (11)

This Decree will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is published.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Ruler of Dubai

Issued in Dubai on 10 August 2015
Corresponding to 25 Shawwal 1436 A.H.

Schedule
Cases and Periods of Discretionary Impoundment of Vehicles

SN	Case	Maximum Impoundment Period
1	Exceeding the maximum number of passengers allowed in mass transport Vehicles	30 days
2	Stopping or overtaking on the hard shoulder of a Road in other than emergency situations	30 days
3	Driving a Vehicle which bears only one (1) number plate	30 days
4	Driving a Vehicle with unroadworthy tyres	30 days
5	Obstructing Road traffic	14 days
6	Driving a Vehicle which bears a damaged or illegible number plate	7 days
7	Making modifications to the Vehicle chassis without an authorisation	7 days
8	Changing the Vehicle colour without an authorisation	7 days
9	Non-compliance with mandatory routes while driving a heavy Vehicle	7 days
10	Making modifications to a Vehicle engine without an authorisation	7 days
11	Driving a Vehicle which causes environmental pollution	7 days