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TO: Businesses within the City of Moline
FROM: Moline Police Department, Officer Michelle Mangelsdorf #2011
RE: Unauthorized/abandoned vehicles parked on your property

Moline Police Department strongly encourages businesses to make use of the City's RELOCATOR ordinance for removal of unauthorized and/or abandoned vehicles parked on your property. The Relocator ordinance allows to you lawfully "relocate" (tow away) these vehicles. The use of this ordinance also helps you to prevent the unauthorized parking of a vehicle on your property in the first place.

Simply contact any towing agency that possesses a Relocator license, and make arrangements with them to be your "Relocator." Then, erect signs on your property in accordance with Section 17-7110 of the Moline Code of Ordinances. Some towing agencies may even provide you with proper signage. Anytime you wish to have an unauthorized or abandoned vehicle removed from your property, simply contact your Relocator and give them authorization to remove the vehicle, **AT THE VEHICLE OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

The details on how to properly erect Relocator signs are listed below. More information can be found on the City of Moline's website, MOLINE.IL.US, Moline Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17, Section 17-7100 through 7110.

Any questions, please call Officer Mangelsdorf at 797-0444.

SEC. 17-7110. CONSTRUCTION, ERECTION, PLACEMENT, DESIGN AND ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS.

(a) When any owner, authorized agent or lessee of private property gives authorization to a relocator to remove all unauthorized vehicles from a private parking area, the notice:

- (1) Must be prominently placed at each driveway access or curb cut allowing vehicular access to the property within five (5) feet from the public right-of-way line. If there are no curbs or access barriers, the sign must be posted not less than one (1) sign each one hundred (100) feet of lot frontage.
 - (2) Must indicate clearly, in not less than two-inch high letters on a contrasting background, with either the letters or contrasting background being light reflectorized that unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
 - (3) Must also provide the name and current telephone number of the towing service towing or removing the vehicle.
 - (4) Must also provide a general statement indicating who is allowed to park in the area. Said statement may use classes of persons as well as individuals.
 - (5) Must also provide the exact fee, if any, charged by the relocator to recover the vehicle and the acceptable methods of payment of such fee.
 - (6) The sign structure containing the required notices must be permanently installed with the bottom of the sign not less than four (4) feet above ground level, and must be continuously maintained on the property for not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the towing or removing of any vehicle.
- (b) In cases where said sign(s) are absent or are not clearly visible for whatever reason, at the time the vehicle is parked without authorization, towing shall not be permitted.