ORDINANCE NO. 1594

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, defining an "abandoned motor vehicle", and prescribing the manner for impounding such abandoned motor vehicles and disposing thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, DEFINITION. An abandoned motor vehicle, for the purpose of this Ordinance, shall be deemed to be any motor vehicle which is either inoperative or unoccupied, and which is not secured against entry or occupation by casual persons having no right of entry or occupation thereof.

Section 2. Under the provisions of RCW 46.52.110 of the Laws of the State of Washington, the Chief of Police, upon making a determination that a motor vehicle has been found abandoned on the public highways of the City of Kent, or at any other place within the City Limits of the City of Kent, shall cause said abandoned motor vehicle to be taken into the custody of the King County Sheriff; and further the Kent Chief of Police shall in such event cause personal notice that such vehicle has been found abandoned to be forwarded to the registered and legal owner of such vehicle, if any record of registered or legal owner thereof exists in this State. In the event there appears to be a registered or legal ownership thereof in another state, the Kent Chief of Police shall send notice thereof to the official having cognizance of issuing legal or registered ownerships in such other state. If at the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of mailing such notices by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested, the vehicle remains unclaimed and has not been reported as a stolen vehicle, then the same may be disposed of, pursuant to RCW 46.52.110.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Attest:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form:

JOHN B. BEREITER, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED this 21st day of April, 1969.
APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 1969.
PUBLISHED this 25th day of April, 1969.
I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1594, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK (SEAL)