



## **NON-CONSENSUAL TOWING (NCT): GENERAL INFORMATION**

O.C.G.A 44-1-13 requires wrecker services engaged in non-consensual towing from private property to obtain a Non-Consensual Towing (NCT) Permit from the Department of Public Safety, and any eligible local municipality in which the tow service will operate. All wrecker companies engaging in Non-Consensual Towing operations must possess and maintain a secure impoundment facility.

By law, the Department of Public Safety has the authorization to regulate and control the towing of trespassing vehicles on private property if such towing is performed without the prior consent or authorization of the owner or operator of the vehicle, including the authority to set just and reasonable rates, fares, and charges for services related to the removal, storage, and required notification to owners of such towed vehicles. No storage fees shall be charged for the first 24 hour period which begins at the time the vehicle is removed from the property, and no such fees shall be allowed for the removal and storage of vehicles removed by towing and storage firms found to be in violation of this Code section. The Department is authorized to impose both criminal and civil penalties for violations of O.C.G.A. 44-1-13. As a point of note, by law the Department can impose a civil penalty up to \$2,500.00 for a violation.

Georgia law grants two exceptions to this law:

- (1). The wrecker company only performs towing with the vehicle owner or operator's consent;
- (2). Companies that perform tows that are an extension of lawful law enforcement activity and who do not otherwise perform nonconsensual tows from private property would not be required to get a NCT Permit.

The cost of the NCT Permit is \$300.00 annually.

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