

## PROTOCOL to report abandoned or illegally parked vehicles along

### Camino de Oeste per Pima Sheriff & Pima Dept of Transportation 2-4-2026:

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- The HOA doesn't have legal authority to enforce parking on public streets. Therefore, it is not the Board's responsibility, any resident of Countryside Villas can call.
- Pima Sheriff is the only one who enforces ticketing and towing, but residents have to call it in, because "they don't regularly patrol it."

1. Call **PIMA Sheriff non-emergency line 520-351-4900**

You must provide: make, model, color, lic plate #, State, and date tags expire

2. When they ask the address say:

*"along the **shoulder** on Camino de Oeste between Doria Dr & Lessing Ln, 85742"*

3. Explain: *"it's not a parking lot, it's public street parking on the shoulder"*

4. Reason you are reporting: Because space is limited and cite the Arizona Revised Statute [A.R.S. § 28-4801](#) explicitly states:

*1. "Abandoned vehicle" means a vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is of a type subject to registration under this title whether lost, stolen, abandoned or otherwise unclaimed and that has been abandoned on a public highway, public property or elsewhere in this state, including private property. Evidence that a vehicle was left unattended for a period of forty-eight hours within the right-of-way of any highway, road, street or other public thoroughfare or for a period of seventy-two hours on public or private property or elsewhere in this state is prima facie evidence of abandonment."*

5. NOTE: **You may be asked to meet the deputy at the location** to point out the vehicle or trailer in case he cannot find it, as Camino is a long street and there's no addresses marked.

### EXAMPLES OF ITEMS TO REPORT:

- RVs parked there, most likely someone living in them
- Vehicles parked there without being moved for over 7 days with FOR SALE signs
- Trailers, campers, RVs, trucks, or vehicles over 8' ft wide (including mirrors) as they obstruct bicycle lane
- Inoperable vehicles or **expired tags; flat tires;** on vehicles that remain unmoved for a period of time
- PAVED SHOULDER cannot be used as a storage lot for any vehicle
- Vehicles parked in hash-tagged lane which is for the rider or bus system
- Parked in bicycle lane—no portion of any parked vehicle may extend past parking line into bicycle lane

## What to Expect and How it Works:

### Grace / Notice Period

- **The 48-Hour Rule:** When a deputy green tags a vehicle as abandoned, county rules require the vehicle to remain tagged and not moved for at least 48 hours before it can legally be towed. (Pima County acts on vehicles unmoved from the same spot for **7 days**).

### Why this matters

- The green tag is essentially a legal “notice” under county procedures — it starts a **minimum 48-hour window** so owners have a chance to move the vehicle before enforcement.
- After that 48-hour period, deputies may try to determine if the vehicle is stolen, and if not, try to contact the owner to inquire and determine a fair solution, or may arrange a tow if the vehicle still meets the criteria for removal.
- **Immediate Removal:** If a vehicle presents a direct traffic hazard or obstructs infrastructure, deputies may remove it sooner than the 48-hour notice window.

#### **OPTIONAL: To check if vehicle is reported stolen or info on vehicle, helpful to sheriff:**

- **Look up license plate:** <https://www.lookupaplate.com/arizona/AJB9374/> (you can change to other state besides Arizona, it will give you vin#)
- **Look up vin# Free lookup vin# (must have 17 digits/newer car)**  
<https://driving-tests.org/vin-decoder/>

### Other Relevant Statutes to Reference:

- **A.R.S. § 28-872:** Removal of illegally stopped or unattended vehicles.
- **A.R.S. § 28-873:** Prohibitions on stopping, standing, or parking (blocking bike lanes).
- **A.R.S. § 28-4802:** Fees and liability for abandoned vehicles.
- **A.R.S. § 28-4838:** Towing procedures for abandoned vehicles.

### NOTES: Important Local Contacts & Statutes

- **PIMA Dept of Transportation: Ricardo (520) 724-2612** provided and explained these statutes to the Board 2-4-2026.
- **PIMA Sheriff Escalation:** If a deputy does not ticket or tow after a reasonable time, call **Lt. Dowdy** at **(520) 351-6411** (he successfully managed the towing on Lessing Lane!).