

Abandoned Bike Procedure

The Downtown Tucson Partnership personnel regularly patrol the downtown area and impound bicycles that appear to be abandoned. Typically, warning notices are affixed to the bikes in advance of their impoundment. The notice indicates that the bike appears to be abandoned and that the owner has at least 48 hours to remove the bike or correct any deficiencies that identify the bike as possibly being abandoned.

If possible, the Downtown Tucson Partnership will attempt to identify the owners of possibly abandoned bikes through the bicycle registration records. If the owner's e-mail address can be found and is still valid, a message is sent to notify that person that the bike is subject to impound, just as the paper warning notices do.

When a bike is impounded, procedures are followed to determine if the bike has been reported stolen anywhere in Arizona. Additionally, if the bike has been registered, attempts are made to identify and contact the owner. A notice is sent to inform the owner how to recover the bike and it also gives the option of relinquishing claim on the bike. Bicycles unclaimed 30 calendar days after the original date of impoundment shall be considered abandoned, and may be disposed of by DTP. Most unclaimed abandoned bikes are donated to various charitable groups or organizations.