

Towing Enforcement

As a follow up to our October publication with general parking reminders, we would like to take this opportunity to clarify the towing regulations within Broadlands. The Board of Directors recently updated our towing agreement with Battlefield Towing. The prior contract was executed in 2010, and while none of the services of the contract have changed, the update ensured that all streets within Broadlands were included in the scope of the contract. It also updated the authorized parties approved to request a tow. Broadlands Association staff are the only persons authorized to call in a tow, other than for vehicles parked in a fire lane or blocking a sidewalk. Broadlands residents may contact the towing contractor and/or the sheriff's department to report vehicles parked in fire lanes or blocking the sidewalk. As part of this process, Battlefield noted that not all of the streets had posted towing signs. Therefore, you may have noticed new signs installed in your section of the community. The signs include the name and phone number of the tow company as well as phone number for the sheriff's department.

The towing contract is in compliance with the Parking Regulations and Enforcement Procedures, which is available on the website at www.broadlandshoa.org under For Residents>Rules and Regulations, which was adopted in 2010. The resolution stipulates that vehicles parked in violation of the regulations will first be issued a Violation Notice, providing five days to correct the violation. If it remains outstanding, a Towing Warning Notice will be placed on the vehicle, providing an additional 72 hours to cure the violation, after which time the vehicle will be towed. Additionally, the sheriff's department may be dispatched to verify the owner and issue citations/ticket as necessary. The most common violations are for derelict vehicles with expired inspections or tags, as well as flat tires.

The exceptions to the Violation and Towing Warning Notices are vehicles parked in a fire lane or blocking the sidewalk - these may be towed **without warning**. A vehicle will be considered to have been parked in a fire lane when any portion of the vehicle overhangs or blocks any portion of a fire lane. A vehicle will be considered to be blocking a sidewalk when any portion of the vehicle overhangs or blocks any portion of a sidewalk.