Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. Kandiyohi

Town. “Town” means Dovre Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

Town Board. “Town board” means the board of supervisors of Dovre Township,

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towing or recovering vehicles by means of a crane, hoist, tow bar, tow line, or dolly.

Towing Company. “Towing company” means a person engaged in the business of

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vehicle in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 42.

Motor Vehicle or Vehicle. “Motor vehicle” or “vehicle” has the meaning given motor

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of whether it is regularly brushed, mowed, or otherwise maintained by the town.

travelled surface, shoulders, ditches, and the remainder of the easement area regardless

town road includes all portions of the right-of-way including, without limitation, the

purposes of vehicular traffic. Unless expressly indicated otherwise in this ordinance,

town when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the

way or place under the town’s jurisdiction or dedicated to the public by plat within the

Town Road. “Town road” means the entire width between the boundary lines of any

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Dovre ordains:

**Section 200**

in certain situation as described herein.

the parking of vehicles on town roads and to provide for the towing of vehicles from town roads

sections 169.04; 168B.035; 365.10, subdivision 17, and such other law as may apply to regulate

hereby adopts this ordinance pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168B, Minnesota Statutes,

. The Town Board of Dovre Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota

**Section 100. Authority**

**Definitions**

**FOR THE TOWING OF VEHICLES FROM TOWN ROADS**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING AND PROVIDING**

**Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**KANDIYOHI COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**DOVRE TOWNSHIP**

a town road that lacks vital component parts or is in an inoperable condition such that it

parking enforcement officer under this ordinance.

supervisor of the Town board. Law enforcement officers shall have all the powers of a

Parking Enforcement Officer. “Parking enforcement officer” means a duly elected

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has no substantial potential for further use consistent with its usual functions.

Abandoned Vehicle. “Abandoned vehicle” means a motor vehicle or trailer located on

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terms shall have the meaning given them in this section.

. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of this Ordinance the following

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place from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_am, between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

from private property. Vehicle towers must be licensed by Kandiyohi County (“County”) and

full.

use of town roads, and constitute an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health, safety and

an unsightly condition tending to reduce property values, interfere with the maintenance and safe

parking, storage, or leaving of an abandoned vehicle on a town road. Abandoned vehicles create

. It shall be unlawful to park, store, leave, or to allow the

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**Abandoned Vehicles**

**Section 600**

welfare of minors.

may collect pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 366.012 or 514.67 if they are not paid in

including any collection costs and related professional fees, constitute a service charge the Town

road shall be responsible for fully reimbursing the town for the removal costs. All such costs,

and the person who caused or allowed the object or property to be placed or left within the town

any object or property placed or left in violation of this subdivision to be immediately removed

property on any portion of the travelled surface or shoulder of a town road. The town may cause

. It shall be unlawful to place or leave any object or

Subdivision 1. Parking Enforcement Officers. The duly elected supervisors of the town

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purposes of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 168B.

section 168B.035, and are authorized to act on behalf of the Town, as a towing authority, for the

and shall have all powers provided such officers under this ordinance, Minnesota Statutes,

board are individually designated parking enforcement officers for the purposes of this ordinance

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a vehicle or trailer parked or abandoned in violation of this ordinance as provided in this section.

. The town may tow and have impounded

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**Towing and Impoundment Authorized**

**Section 700**

campers.

determined to be in violation of this ordinance. The prohibitions and regulations contained

placement of objects on town roads, and providing for the towing of vehicles and trailers

welfare of the public and of those traveling on town roads by prohibiting parking and the

. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and

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**Purpose**

**Section 300**

herein are in addition to, and are intended to supplement, state law. To the extent this ordinance

trailers, snowmobile trailers, motorcycle trailers, towable icehouses, and towable

used to carry property or passengers. The term includes, but is not limited to, boat

Trailer. “Trailer” means a device with wheels that is towed by a motor vehicle and is

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**Section 400**

**Placing Objects Prohibited**

**Section 500**

unattended, on a town road, unless loading or unloading of the vehicle or trailer is actively taking

. No person shall park a vehicle or trailer, whether attended or

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**Parking Prohibited**

trailer.

nothing herein prohibits a vehicle tower from responding to a proper request to tow a vehicle or

Township and should not be construed to authorize or apply to the towing of vehicles or trailers

the stricter provision shall apply. This ordinance applies only to town roads with Dovre

may be less strict than applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances,

other law that allows the immediate towing of a vehicle.

Subd. 3. Notice. Within five days of towing a vehicle or trailer, the town or the towing

company shall send or otherwise deliver written notice of the towing to the owner and any

lienholders of the vehicle. If the town provides the notice, it shall provide a copy of the notice to

the towing company and if the towing company provides the notice it shall provide a copy of the

notice to the town. If the owner and all lienholders cannot be identified, the notice required by

this paragraph shall be published at least once in the town’s official newspaper. The notice shall

include the following information:

(a)

The date the vehicle or trailer was towed;

vehicle or trailer, upon the issuance of a Report, if its parked in violation of this ordinance or any

(b)

The place the vehicle or trailer was towed from;

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The year, make, model, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle or trailer, if

such information can be reasonably obtained, and the place where the vehicle or

trailer is being held;

(d)

Information about the right to reclaim the vehicle or trailer and who to contact; and

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**Procedure for Towing Vehicles and Trailers**

Subd. 2. Designating a Towing Company. The Town board may designate one or more

towing companies, licensed by the County, that a parking enforcement officer may contact to

tow a vehicle or trailer in accordance with this ordinance. If one or more towing companies are

designated, a parking enforcement officer shall use a designated company to the extent

reasonably possible under the circumstances. The Town board may enter into such agreements

with the towing companies as it deems necessary to provide for the timely towing and storage of

vehicles and trailers. A towing company towing or impounding a vehicle or trailer pursuant to

this ordinance shall be responsible for impounding and properly storing and safekeeping the

vehicle or trailer and its contents. Any towing company towing a vehicle or trailer upon order of

the Town shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and

ordinances in the towing, storage, and sale or other disposal of the vehicles and trailers it tows.

**Section 800**

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. A parking enforcement officer

shall comply with the following procedures before ordering a vehicle or trailer towed pursuant to

this ordinance.

Subdivision 1. Citation and Towing Report. A parking enforcement officer shall issue a

citation and towing report (“Report”) regarding the vehicle or trailer in violating of this

ordinance. The Report shall describe the vehicle or trailer, the license plate number, and the

reasons for towing. The citation and towing report may be on the same form. The parking

enforcement officer and the tow driver shall both sign the Report.

Subd. 2. Towing. A parking enforcement officer may order the immediate towing of a

**BY THE TOWN BOARD:**

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2023.

after its adoption.

. This ordinance shall be effective on the first day of publication

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**Effective Date**

**Section 1200**

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Town Clerk

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Town Chairperson

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. An owner shall contact the towing company

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**Disposal of Unclaimed Vehicles**

**Section 1000**

authorized to do so pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 168B.07, subdivision 3.

contents of a vehicle or trailer without charge and without retrieving the vehicles or trailer when

vehicle, trailer, or their contents. A registered owner of a vehicle or trailer may retrieve the

company shall be responsible for requiring sufficient proof of ownership before releasing a

storage, and inspection of the vehicle or trailer before releasing the vehicle. The towing

The towing company may charge the reasonable costs of services provided in the towing,

directly in order to reclaim a vehicle or trailer towed and impounded pursuant to this ordinance.

. The towing company shall be solely

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**Retrieving Impounded Vehicles**

**Section 900**

title to and disposal or sale of both.

title, and interest in the vehicle or trailer and its contents and consent to the transfer of

The failure to reclaim the vehicle or trailer constitutes a waiver by them of any right,

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ordinance is subject to towing, impoundment, and sale or other disposal as provided herein and

Minnesota Statutes, section 366.012.

declared to constitute a service charge, against the vehicle or trailer owner’s property under

property under Minnesota Statutes, section 514.67, or certifying the costs, which are hereby

limited to, placing a lien on a vehicle or trailer, placing a lien on the vehicle or trailer owner’s

the enforcement, towing, impoundment, and disposal of vehicles and trailers including, but not

to enforce this ordinance and to recover the costs, including collection costs, incurred related to

as may otherwise be authorized by law. The town may take such actions as allowed it under law

prosecution may be added to the penalty imposed. A vehicle or trailer found in violation of this

. Violation of this ordinance is a petty misdemeanor and the cost of

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**Penalty**

**Section 1100**

trailers.

provided to impound lots under law to sell or otherwise dispose of impounded vehicles and

vehicles and trailers impounded pursuant to this ordinance in accordance with the authority

responsible for complying with any applicable laws and properly disposing of the unclaimed