

## **VILLAGE OF CHERRY VALLEY, ILLINOIS**

### **\*\*NOTICE TO REGISTERED VEHICLE OWNER\*\***

TO: Registered Vehicle Owner:

You are hereby notified that your vehicle has been impounded for an offense committed with that vehicle pursuant to Section 70-121 of the Village of Cherry Valley Code of Ordinances. The tow company having your vehicle is the Greater Rockford Auto Auction. It is advisable to obtain a Release of Hold from the Cherry Valley Police Department prior to going to the towing company, as the towing company will not release your vehicle without prior authorization from the Cherry Valley Police Department.

In order to obtain a Release of Hold from the Cherry Valley Police Department, you must either 1) pay an administrative fee of **\$500** to the Village of Cherry Valley, 806 E. State Street, Cherry Valley, IL 61016 and waive your right to contest the basis for the fee at a Village Administrative hearing; or 2) post \$500 bond with the Village and file a written request for an administrative hearing to contest the administrative fee. **If you do not pay the \$500 administrative fee or post the \$500 bond, your vehicle will not be released to you but you may still file a written request for an administrative hearing to contest the imposition of the administrative fee. If you do not file a written request for an administrative hearing and/or administrative fee has not been paid, you will be served with a notice of an administrative hearing date, time, and location via certified mail. If you request or are sent a notice of an administrative hearing and are subsequently found to be liable for the \$500 administrative fee, additional costs associated with the hearing may be imposed upon you as well. Upon obtaining a Release of Hold from the Village, you must also pay all towing and storage fees assessed by the private towing company which currently has possession of your vehicle in order to have your vehicle released.**

The hearing held by the Village of Cherry Valley is administrative in nature and shall have no effect on the underlying offense(s) or any related pending criminal or traffic matters. The hearing is held strictly to determine whether the driver of your vehicle was in violation of Village of Cherry Valley Code of ordinance Section 70-121. **If the Administrative Hearing officer finds a violation did not occur, the \$500.00 administrative fee will be waived or returned to you. If the Administrative hearing Officer finds a violation did occur, the \$500 administrative fee shall become a debt due and owing to the Village and any posted bond will be forfeited to the Village. This debt shall be against the registered owner of the vehicle, regardless of who may have been driving the vehicle at the time it was seized and impounded. Failure to appear at an administrative hearing will result in a default order against the vehicle owner for the full \$500 in addition to any costs incurring resulting from the requested hearing.**

**If you have further questions about the recovery of your vehicle, you may contact:**

**Village of Cherry Police Department at (815)332-3432 Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Police After hours (815) 282-2600**

**You may also visit the Village of Cherry Valley website: [www.cherryvalley.org](http://www.cherryvalley.org) to pay administrative fees online.**