7.6 **REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES**. Any vehicle parked or left standing upon a highway, street or alley or other public grounds in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is declared to be a hazard to traffic and public safety. Such vehicle shall be removed by the operator, upon request of any peace officer or the Director of Public Works, to a position where parking, stopping or standing is not prohibited. Any peace officer or the Director, after issuing a citation for illegal parking, stopping or standing of an unattended vehicle in violation of this chapter, is authorized to remove such vehicle to a position where parking is not prohibited. The officer or Director may order a motor carrier holding a permit to perform vehicle towing services, a licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer who performs vehicle towing services to remove and store such vehicle in any storage garage or parking grounds or any facility of the person providing the towing services. In addition to other penalties provided by sec. 7.20 of this chapter, the owner or operator of a vehicle so removed shall pay the cost of towing and storage.