

URBANA POLICE DIVISION
REQUEST FOR STEERING WHEEL LOCK OPTION

Pretrial Seizure Situations:

Your vehicle has been seized because you or the vehicle owner is charged with one of the following:

1. Operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs of abuse and this being your second or more offense within the past six years.
2. Operating a vehicle while under an OVI court suspension.
3. Operating a vehicle while under and of the FRA suspensions
4. Wrongful Entrustment (allowing an unlicensed driver to operate your vehicle)

Immobilization Option:

The vehicle must stay impounded or immobilized until release by the court. If the vehicle is not released at your initial court appearance, you have the option of immobilizing (with a steering wheel lock – purchased by you) the vehicle at an acceptable location in Champaign County instead of leaving it at the tow company. If you wish to choose this option, you must:

- Provide an acceptable location in Champaign County (must meet the following criteria):
 - a. Located in Champaign County
 - b. The vehicle cannot be parked on the street
 - c. The vehicle must be in view of the street or alley
 - d. The property owner must give written permission
- Complete the Request for Steering Wheel Lock Option form, and then return it to the Record's Section of the Urbana Police Division (Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Pay all towing and storage fees up to the date the vehicle is immobilized with a steering wheel lock.
- Understand the vehicle is subject to seizure by the Urbana Police Division if it is driven during the pretrial or court ordered immobilization period.
- Understand the tow company that is storing the vehicle must be used to tow the vehicle to the location where the vehicle is to be immobilized.

Note:

Whether this option is chosen or not, you or the vehicle owner is responsible for all towing and storage fees.

Other Fees:

If you or the vehicle owner are convicted of one of the offenses listed above, a \$100.00 immobilization fee must be paid to the Ohio BMV in Columbus before you can do any of the following (applies to all immobilized vehicles) 1. Obtain a release for the vehicle. 2. Obtain license plates. 3. Sell the vehicle.

If you are not convicted of one of the offenses listed above, and you chose the steering wheel lock option, a \$25.00 immobilization fee must be paid to the City of Urbana (payable at the Finance Office) before your Steering Wheel lock keys will be returned to you.