

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER
YOUR VEHICLE
YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS IN ORDER

(Following these steps does not insure that you will recover your vehicle, it only insures that you will have the opportunity to be heard on the matter)

1. You must request a hearing. **ONLY THE REGISTERED OWNER CAN REQUEST A HEARING.** If there is more than one registered owner, either registered owner may make the request.
2. You must request the hearing *within 10 days* from the date of seizure.
3. You can request the hearing:
 - a) **IN PERSON**; Request a hearing in writing using the Request for Hearing Form attached to the original Notice of Seizure. You may submit this form in person at: City Attorney's Office of Rio Rancho, 3200 Civic Center Circle, 4th floor Suite 400, Rio Rancho, NM 87144 Monday- Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm. **OR** the Rio Rancho Police Department, 500 Quantum Rd, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 on Thursday from 9am- NOON.
If you do not have a form one will be provided for you at the location. The fee must be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the "City of Rio Rancho" or by Credit or Debit card. You will be notified of your hearing date and time immediately. **OR**
 - b) **BY MAIL**; Request can be made by calling the City Attorney's Office at (505) 896-8759.
4. If you would like to retrieve property from your vehicle you **MUST** make an appointment to do so. You can call the DWI Seizure Unit at (505) 891-5947 to make the appointment. (Only property not attached to the vehicle may be removed. For example, attached stereo equipment or wheels will not be removed.)
5. If the vehicle was seized because the driver of the vehicle has only **ONE** prior DWI or because the driver's license is revoked due to **ONE** prior DWI or **ONE** pending DWI the vehicle may be eligible for the Boot Program. You may call the City Attorney to discuss this option. The number to call is (505) 896-8759. **YOU MUST REQUEST A HEARING BEFORE YOU DO THIS.**
6. Towing, storage and processing fees will accrue beginning from the date of seizure. The registered owner can, at any time, disclaim their interest in the vehicle. This can be done at the City Attorney's Office or at the DWI Seizure Office.
7. Failure to take action within 30 days will result in the vehicle being treated as abandoned property.