PITTSBURGH VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY AUTO AUCTION

Auctions are held on the final Wednesday* of every month at the McGANN & CHESTER, LLC impound facility at 700 HARGROVE STREET, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15226. The auction is open to the public and dealers. The auction yard opens at 9:00 a.m. for viewing purposes and to enable bidders to obtain their bidding cards. The auction starts at 10:00 a.m.

A valid state-issued identification card is required to sign up for a bidder’s card. You will need a One Hundred Dollar ($100.00) deposit, which will be refunded to you if your bid is not accepted. The One Hundred Dollars may also be used towards the purchase of your vehicle. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, certified funds, dealer business checks and major credit cards. PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

You will not be able to start the vehicles during this viewing period. There may or may not be keys for the vehicle.

Vehicles are sold “AS IS – WHERE IS.” There are NO REFUNDS.

The vehicles vary with regard to value and condition from auction to auction. The vehicle you purchase will need to be towed out. There will not be a registration issued to you. The auction staff will give you a bill of sale and the appropriate case history for your vehicle. In addition, within approximately twenty (20) days of the auction, you will be provided with a Court Order that you must submit with other required paperwork to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The DMV makes the decision whether or not you can obtain a title and registration for the vehicle.

Nobody under 18 years of age will be allowed in the yard before, during or after the auction. Children are not to be left unattended in vehicles outside the auction yard.

Auction Date: All auctions will be held the last Wednesday of every month

Received and accepted: ________________________________ (Bidder)
1. The Pittsburgh Parking Authority and McGann & Chester, LLC auction confiscated and abandoned vehicles on the last Wednesday of every month - rain, snow or shine – at 700 Hargrove Street in the City of Pittsburgh. The preview begins at 9:00 a.m., and the auction begins at 10:00 a.m.
2. All vehicles, are sold “AS IS - WHERE IS,” with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied. Be advised that NO TEMPORARY LICENSE TAGS will be issued. All vehicles are sold as “tow-aways” and without any temporary registration. If you buy an abandoned/confiscated vehicle, you are responsible for having the vehicle removed from the auction lot. The $100.00 cash deposit is a “good faith” (refundable) deposit assuring the sellers that you will pay for any and all of the vehicle(s) that you purchase in the bid process. Though payment in full is due at the end of the sale, you may be ordered to pay for your purchase or purchases at any time in the course of the sale by either auction personnel or a representative of the sellers. All vehicles must be paid for immediately after you are declared the winning bidder. If you fail to pay for the vehicle or vehicles you purchased in the bid process, that is a breach of contract and you will forfeit your $100.00 cash deposit.
3. Hold on to your bid number. If you do not buy a vehicle and you wish to leave, you must turn in your bid number to the auctioneer's clerks in order to collect your cash deposit. When you turn in your bid number, the clerks will request your ID, and it must be the same ID as the person who registered. If you forget your deposit, a check will have to be requested and may take up to 6 weeks to process. You will then be required to pick up said check in person and sign for same at the office of McGann & Chester, LLC at 700 Hargrove Street, so please remember to retrieve your deposit.
4. Cash or bank-certified funds (made payable to McGANN & CHESTER, LLC) are accepted. Major credit cards will also be accepted. You will not have time to retrieve funds on the date of sale, so please be prepared to pay for your purchases immediately.
5. No person under the age of 18 may be present in the auction yard before, during or after the auction.
6. Please be aware that all vehicles are towed into the impound lot and very few come equipped with keys. Keys found within any vehicle are not guaranteed to fit the ignition and/or the trunk of the vehicle from which they were pulled. The auctioneer will announce at the time of sale if a set of keys has been found in a vehicle. The “K” circled on the windshield of a vehicle means that keys have been found. You will receive the key or keys when you pay for the vehicle. Locksmiths on the premises may not make keys for any vehicle until they've seen your Bill of Sale. The locksmiths will make keys for a fee.
7. If an ignition key is found within a vehicle, an attempt to start the vehicle will be made. If the vehicle starts the auctioneer will announce this before the sale and will write “starts” on the windshield. This is for informational purposes only and is not a guarantee that the vehicle will start for the buyer or that the vehicle will move. Remember, all vehicles are sold “AS IS - WHERE IS” with no warranty or guarantee expressed or implied.
8. Some vehicles may be marked “Rebuilt from Salvage” on the Bill of Sale. The auctioneer will announce whether a vehicle has been designated as previous salvage/rebuild prior to selling the vehicle. You will sign a document at the time of payment acknowledging that you are aware of this.
9. A Bill of Sale and other supporting documents for the sale of a vehicle will be issued at the auction. In addition, a Court Order permitting title to be vested in the buyer will be issued at a later date. Thereafter, acquisition of title is between the buyer and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Title is not guaranteed on any vehicle sold. You must apply for title in your county of residence.
10. Duplicates for lost paperwork for abandoned/confiscated vehicles are available at a cost of $20.00. Therefore, please do not lose the documents provided to you.
11. Sellers reserve the right to ACCEPT or REJECT any or all bids.
12. Removal is by 4 p.m. from inside of the lot and 5 p.m. from off the street outside of the lot on the day of sale - NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Any vehicles left in the auction yard or unattended along adjacent streets will be subject to towing and impounded, and all related charges will be assessed against the vehicle.
13. All items found within the vehicle are the property of the buyer. You must take all the contents of the vehicle you’ve purchased with you.
14. Vehicles purchased at this auction shall be pushed, pulled or towed from the auction yard over the gate unless the buyer has a dealer's plate attached to the vehicle. No overhauling or major mechanical work is to be done in the sale lot. You may remove vehicles prior to the end of the sale if you do not disrupt the auction process.
15. This auction takes place outdoors in all weather conditions on a dirt and gravel lot, which can be very muddy, snowy, slippery, rainy, hot, and otherwise subject to severe weather. Please dress appropriately for weather conditions.
16. Please remember that this is a vehicle auction and there are many tow trucks and vehicles moving around the lot. Please be extremely careful and aware of what is going on around you for everyone’s safety.
17. One portable toilet is provided for the auction attendees’ use. There are no facilities with running water.

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