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Notice of Removal of Abandoned Vehicles at V. I. Housing Authority Properties on St. Thomas

(December 19, 2022 - St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands) - The Virgin Islands Housing Authority (VIHA) along with the Office of the Governor St. Thomas-Water Island Administrator, hereby notifies all residents within all public housing communities and the general public on the island of St. Thomas, that starting **Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – Thursday, December 22, 2022**, all abandoned vehicles within these communities will be tagged for removal pursuant to Title 20 V. I. Code, Chapter 49 and Title 19 V. I. Code Chapter 56.

Any vehicle which is tagged is deemed in violation of the abandoned vehicle laws of the U. S. Virgin Islands and the vehicle must be removed within 7 days after tagging has taken place. If the vehicle is not removed within 7 days, it will be taken into the custody of the Administrator on behalf of the Virgin Islands Police Department and will be disposed of at the Bovoni Recycling Center. Violators are subject to a \$1,000.00 fine per vehicle and the maximum fine for repeat offenders is \$2,500.00.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we implement this initiative.

For questions, concerns or more information, please contact the Office of the St. Thomas/Water Island Administrator, 340-774-0001 Ext. 4350 or public housing residents can contact their respective property management offices on St. Thomas.

