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Ms. Valerie Rosenson
Legislative Officer
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888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Re: Ordinance Revision Section 231-8

Dear Ms. Rosenson,

Transportation, Traffic and Parking is proposing the attached revisions Sec. 231-8. - Removal or immobilization of motor vehicles bearing outstanding citations. Specifically we would like to add a late fee and replacement fee for self-releasing immobilization devices. This will allow us to launch a self-releasing booting program in place of our current towing program. In 2017 we enforced 415 scofflaws, in the current fiscal year we have processed 203 scofflaws. These numbers represent a small portion of the 3,707 scofflaws that are currently on the scofflaw list owing a total of \$1,092,515.00 in outstanding citations.

The current process we follow for scofflaws is as follows:

- Contact Cashiering and Permitting to verify scofflaw.
- Begin processing paperwork.
- Contact towing company.
- Contact Police Department with vehicle and towing information via police radio.
- Perform vehicle inventory for any damage and visible property inside the vehicle.
- Wait until vehicle is towed.
- If the vehicle owner shows up during the process we give them the opportunity to pay at Cashiering and Permitting during their business hours. This includes one of the special officers transporting the vehicle owner to the government center.

The proposed process for scofflaws is as follows:

- Verify scofflaw with the License Plate Reader (LPR) System.
- Install self-releasing boot on vehicle.
- Affix self-release booting instruction sticker to driver's window and windshield.
- Contact booting company.

The proposed process of booting will eliminate the need to only enforce scofflaws during the business hours of cashing and permitting; scofflaw enforcement can be extended to match the hours of enforcement covered by our violations officers. The proposed process will also eliminate the need for the violations and special officers to wait at the vehicles until they are towed which is not an efficient use of time and poses potential safety issues. Booting will also eliminate the need to transport vehicle owners to the Government Center which is a potential safety and liability issue.

The proposed ordinance revision will add a late fee and increase the fine for damaged or missing immobilization equipment. These fees will cover the City in the event that the vehicles boots are damaged or not returned to the City.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Travers
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