

Sec. 58-6. - Vehicle immobilization devices.

- (a) Purpose. The county finds that the immobilization "booting" of vehicles by private persons or companies leads to unnecessary anger, conflict, a drain on public safety resources better spent elsewhere, and does not resolve the issue of improper use of a parking space. The county has determined vehicle immobilization services by private persons or companies to be unnecessary and not in the best interests of Cherokee County.
- (b) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this document, shall have the meanings, ascribed to them in this section, unless where the context clearly has a different meaning:

Operator shall mean any person, including a sole proprietor, independent contractor, partnership or similar business entity, operating vehicle immobilization devices for a vehicle immobilization service.

Vehicle immobilization device or boot shall mean any mechanical device that is designed or adopted to be attached to a wheel, tire, or other part of a parked motor vehicle so as to prohibit the motor vehicle's usual manner of movement or operation.

Vehicle immobilization service shall mean a person, including sole proprietor, independent contractor, partnership or similar business entity, offering services anywhere in the unincorporated portions of Cherokee County whereby vehicles are immobilized by the installation of a vehicle immobilization device.

- (c) Prohibition. Immobilization of the vehicle of another by use of a vehicle immobilization device, boot or other like devices is prohibited in unincorporated Cherokee County by private persons or companies. Law enforcement is exempt from such a prohibition.
- (d) Violations. Any person(s), operator or vehicle immobilization service found to have violated this section may be prosecuted as provided in subsection (e).
- (e) Penalty. Any person violating this code section shall be subject to issuance of a citation, and if proven guilty before a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or 60 days imprisonment, upon conviction.

(Ord. No. 2011-002, § 1, 2-1-11)