

Sec. 94-7. - Vehicle immobilization devices; definitions.

- (a) The board of commissioners finds that the immobilization (booting) of vehicles by private companies leads to unnecessary anger, conflict, a drain on public safety resources better spent elsewhere, and does not resolve the issue of the improper use of a parking space. The county has determined vehicle immobilization services to be unnecessary and not in the best interests of the county.
- (b) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings, ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates 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, device, or boot shall mean any mechanical device that is designed or adapted 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 a sole proprietor, independent contractor, partnership or similar business entity, offering services anywhere in the unincorporated portions of the county whereby vehicles are immobilized by the installation of a vehicle immobilization device.

- (c) Immobilization of the vehicle of another by use of a boot or other similar device is prohibited in the county.
- (d) The, operator or vehicle immobilization service found to have violated this provision may punished as provided for in section 1-12 of this Code.
- (e) It shall be a violation of this section for the owner of real property or a person or other entity that rents, leases or is otherwise in control of real property to authorize, allow, or cause an operator or vehicle immobilization service to boot any vehicle located on the real property. Any such violation may be punished as provided for in section 1-12 of this Code.

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