

Sec. 22-27. - Vehicle immobilization.

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to prohibit the immobilization of the vehicle of another by use of a boot or other like device within the city. The city finds that the immobilization or "booting" of vehicles belonging to others leads to unnecessary anger, conflict, drains public resources better spent elsewhere, and does not solve the problems created by improper use of parking spaces. It is further the purpose of this section to advance the health, safety, and welfare of the public because vehicle immobilization devices are unnecessary and not in the best interest of the city.
- (b) Definitions. In this section the term "vehicle immobilization device" or "boot" means 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.
- (c) Prohibitions, jurisdiction and enforcement.
 - (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to immobilize the vehicle of another by use of a vehicle immobilization device, boot or other like device.
 - (2) The police department shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section. Citations shall be issued by the police department in accordance with set policy.
 - (3) The municipal court shall have jurisdiction to hear all cases related to alleged violation of this section.
 - (4) Violators of this section shall be liable for a monetary penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 per violation.
- (d) Towing of vehicles excluded. Nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit the towing of vehicles in accordance with the laws of the state and applicable city ordinances.

(Ord. of 3-16-2010, §§ 2—5)