



City of Pittsburgh

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Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code Title Five: Traffic, Article III: Towing, Section 521.01: Vehicle Immobilization, Removal and Impoundment.

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code Title Five: Traffic, Article III: Towing, Section 521.01: Vehicle Immobilization, Removal and Impoundment is hereby amended as follows:

Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code Title Five: Traffic, Article III: Towing, Section 521.01: Vehicle Immobilization, Removal and Impoundment, so as to increase the time allotted for accumulation of unpaid tickets from 18 to 36 months for booting.

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code Title Five: Traffic, Article III: Towing, Section 521.01: Vehicle Immobilization, Removal and Impoundment is hereby amended as follows:

§ 521.01 VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION, REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT.

Any vehicle having five (5) or more unpaid past due tickets, summonses or other process, issued against it [within an eighteen-month] a thirty-six month [period], charging that the vehicle was parked, stopped or standing in violation of the Commonwealth Vehicle Code, this Traffic Title or any other traffic ordinance of the City is deemed to be a public nuisance and the Police Department or any other City agent assigned to traffic duty is hereby authorized to:

(a) Remove the vehicle or cause to be removed at the sole cost and expense of the habitual violator;
(b) Immobilize the vehicle by means of applying a boot. If the vehicle has remained immobilized for a period of seventy-two (72) hours, and release has not been obtained, the Police or other City authority shall have the authority to remove the vehicle or cause to be removed at the sole cost and expense of the habitual violator. In any case involving the immobilization of a vehicle pursuant to this section, a notice shall be placed on the vehicle, in a conspicuous manner, sufficient to warn any individual that the vehicle has been immobilized and that any attempt to move the vehicle may result in damage thereto.

(1) Any tampering with or removal of the device shall be separate offenses and may be prosecuted as violations of the criminal mischief and theft sections of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code (Title 18, Section 3304 and 3921).

(2) The City assumes no liability for loss or damage to the vehicle while immobilized.

The Police or other City authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized to remove the vehicle by either private or governmental equipment to the City pound or elsewhere as deemed advisable.

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