

**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER AMIR R. FAROKHI AMENDING CHAPTER 162 ARTICLE V, (VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION SERVICES) SECTION 162-261 (SIGNS) SO AS TO CLARIFY THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF UNIFORM AND ADEQUATE SIGNAGE TO BE POSTED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WHEREON VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION SERVICES ARE TO BE EMPLOYED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the public safety and general welfare of citizens of the City of Atlanta and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 162 Article V (Vehicle Immobilization Services) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances was adopted in 2000 to authorize vehicle immobilization on private property in the City of Atlanta as long as compliance with certain conditions by such services and operators is maintained;

WHEREAS, to help ensure that vehicle owners, passengers, drivers, or persons in charge thereof have adequate notice that their failure to abide by the conditions private property owners have placed on the use of their parking lots or facilities may result in the installation of a vehicle immobilization device on their vehicle, the City of Atlanta wishes to require uniform and adequate signage; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Atlanta City Council that there is a need to clarify the minimum requirements for such signage within the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta desires to amend the signage requirements so as to clarify the minimum requirements of such signs such as adequate notice is provided to vehicle owners, passengers, drivers, or persons in charge of such vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta desires for the amendments contained in this Ordinance to be effective immediately upon approval.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 162, Article V, Section 162-261(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended such that it shall read as follows (with permanent additions underlined in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

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- (4) Such signs shall state in letters at least three inches high as follows "If you park here in violation of parking lot rules, your vehicle may be impounded (towed or booted) at your risk and expense" ~~"Unauthorized vehicles may be impounded (towed or booted) at owner's risk and expense."~~ Such signs shall also include the following information in letters at least two and one-half inches high:

Cost of boot removal (\$75.00 per day).

~~Cost of tow and daily storage fees;~~

~~"Private Parking";~~

Fees payable by cash, check, and credit or debit card.

If your vehicle has been Booted ~~Boot Removal~~ Call 000-000-0000.

If your Vehicle has been Towed ~~Tow information~~ Call 000-000-0000.

Vehicle may not be impounded if you return ~~owner/operator returns~~ before boot or tow is attached.

Booted vehicles may be towed ~~after~~ 24 hours after being booted.

~~Complaints may be made to: Parking Company 000-000-0000~~

Contact the Atlanta Police Department by calling 911. ~~Atlanta Police Department 000-000-0000~~

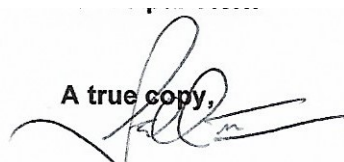
This lot is ~~owned and~~ operated by [include name of operator] ~~(Name of legal entity owning parking lot/area) and~~ which can be reached at 000-000-0000 for resolution of any disputes.

Where this Code section leaves placeholder phone numbers, the signs shall include the appropriate phone numbers. Where this Code section requires the posting of the tow and daily storage fees, the signs shall include the fees in accordance with state law and state regulations.

SECTION 2: That the amendments in this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval.

SECTION 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict, only.

SECTION 4: That the Municipal Clerk is instructed to retain all legislative history references in the codified version of Chapter 162, including Editor's notes, and shall not delete any such references, but shall amend them to include this ordinance.

A true copy,

Foris Webb III
Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED per City Charter Section 2-403

MAY 04, 2020
MAY 13, 2020

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