

ORDINANCE 2024-11, EXHIBIT "A"

Chapter 303.121 REDEMPTION OF BOOTED VEHICLES.

- (a) If the vehicle is immobilized by a boot, a notice of the booting shall be placed on the windshield that explains the reason for booting and the release procedure. Any person desiring to redeem a booted vehicle shall appear at the Police Department to furnish satisfactory evidence of identity and ownership or right to possession. Prior to issuance of a release form, the claimant, owner or operator shall either pay the amount due for any fines for violations on account of which such vehicle was impounded or booted or, as the court may require, post a bond in an amount set by the court, to appear to answer to such violations. A police officer shall remove the boot after all applicable fines and fees are paid.
- (b) An immobilization fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be paid in addition to any outstanding traffic fines and applicable storage costs in order to obtain the official release of the vehicle. Payment must be made in cash, **by credit card**, by money order, certified check, or personal check. An additional fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be charged for any check returned by the bank for insufficient funds or because the account is closed.
- (c) Parking citations in accordance with Chapter 309 may continue to accrue daily until the immobilization fee and all outstanding traffic fines are paid.
- (d) The immobilization device (boot) is the property of the Village and any damage to this device shall make the offender liable for the destruction of municipal property. Removing this device or moving the immobilized vehicle by any means or in any manner before an official release is obtained constitutes a separate and additional offense and may subject the offender to criminal penalties.
- (e) The Village assumes no liability for loss or damage to the vehicle or its contents while so immobilized.
- (f) No owner or operator shall remove a boot without complying with the above procedure. Possession of a vehicle which has been booted and unlawfully taken, by the owner or operator, shall constitute prima facie evidence that it was so removed by the owner or operator. Whoever violates this section is guilty of obstructing justice pursuant to Section 525.08.