

Sec. 86-14. - Vehicle immobilization devices; definitions.

- (a) Purpose. The city 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 city has determined vehicle immobilization services to be unnecessary and not in the best interests of the city.
- (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:
 - (1) Vehicle immobilization device, device, or boot shall mean any mechanical device that is designed or adopted 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.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) Vehicle immobilization service shall mean a person, including a sole proprietor, independent contractor, partnership or similar business entity, offering services anywhere in the city whereby vehicles are immobilized by the installation of a vehicle immobilization device.
- (c) Violation. Immobilization of the vehicle of another by use of a vehicle immobilization device, boot or other similar device is prohibited in the city.
- (d) Penalties. In addition to the penalties described in section 1-11, any person(s), operator or vehicle immobilization service found to have violated this provision may be prosecuted for trespass to chattel.

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