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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 179-17

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 14 of the City Code as it relates to the immobilization of vehicles for unpaid parking tickets; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 14-312. Immobilization of vehicles for unpaid parking tickets.

(a) A vehicle may be immobilized by means of an immobilization device ~~a mechanical boot~~ if there are four (4) or more parking tickets issued against the vehicle that remain unpaid more than fifteen (15) days after issuance or, in the case of a contested ticket, after the vehicle has been finally adjudged to have been illegally parked. An "immobilization device" A "mechanical boot" is a device that can be attached to the wheel of a motor vehicle to prevent it from being driven. It is a violation of this code to operate a vehicle secured with an immobilization device.

(b) Immobilization by means of an immobilization device ~~a mechanical boot~~ shall be subject to the following ~~limited as follows~~:

- (1) ~~Immobilization shall not exceed twenty-four (24) hours, except that a police officer may reduce the period because of safety or traffic considerations.~~
- (1-2) No vehicle shall be immobilized unless the vehicle is found on a public street, public parking garage or public parking lot.
- (2-3) No vehicle shall be immobilized within the traveled portion of any street or portion of any street or sidewalk when the immobilization would create a hazard.
- (3-4) If the registered owner or operator of the vehicle fails to pay the outstanding parking tickets or fails to post a cash or surety bond for all unresolved

parking tickets within twenty-four (24) hours of installation of an immobilization device, the city may have the vehicle towed to a place of impoundment.

(4-5) Whenever a vehicle has been immobilized by means of an immobilization device ~~a mechanical boot~~, a notice shall be placed on the vehicle stating the time and date the immobilization device was placed on the vehicle, and briefly describing the means of securing removal of the immobilization device ~~mechanical boot~~ within the twenty-four (24) -hour period.

(c) The registered owner or operator of an immobilized vehicle may secure removal of the immobilization device ~~mechanical boot~~ within the twenty-four (24) -hour period either by payment of all outstanding parking tickets or by posting a cash or surety bond for all unresolved parking tickets.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor