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Cc: Nicolini, Mark
Subject: Outstanding Debt Group - Parking Recommendations

Ald. Witkowski,

The following information is being provided in response to your discussion with Mark Nicolini regarding parking related recommendations from the Outstanding Debt Work Group.

I have spoken with the City Attorney's Office and Sheldyn Himle at Municipal Court regarding the 60-day limit to appeal parking citations. In order to implement the 60-day limit, a default judgment must be entered and collections would occur at Municipal Court. The funds collected would not be redirected to the Parking Fund, which is not a major concern for the Budget Office since it would go to the General Fund. However, you should be aware that each citation collected through Municipal Court would be subject to a \$5.00 State Court Clerk fee. Tickets that reach the 60 day limit are typically between \$40 and \$90, making the court fee 5-13% of the judgment. Judges also have the ability to reduce the outstanding amount as the citation represents the most that would be paid.

The recommendation to boot poses challenges, the first being that it would not be enforceable without changes to the state statute. As it stands, booting is not permitted on registered vehicles in the public way. If a vehicle is unregistered, as defined in 341.65 (1) (b), the vehicle can be booted upon enactment of an ordinance permitting Parking staff to do so. Any other vehicles owned by the applicant for registration which we refuse registration could also be booted under an ordinance. However, it is unclear at this point if a suspended registration for unpaid parking citations meets the statutory definition of an unregistered vehicle. The City Attorney's Office is working to clarify the definition.

I hope this answers your questions. If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Respectfully,

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