

## Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna

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**From:** Dimitrijevic, Marina  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 9:39 AM  
**To:** Polanco (Urtiz), Joanna  
**Subject:** Fw: Towing Ordinance

Last one for the CC file today.



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**Subject:** RE: Towing Ordinance

Ald. Dimitrijevic,

Thanks for asking! The good news for Legal Action of Wisconsin clients is that it appears to require the immediate release of the car upon scheduling a hearing with Milwaukee Municipal Court. That is a clear and helpful standard.

However, overall, this policy is likely to disproportionately harm Legal Action of Wisconsin clients—people experiencing poverty, who are disproportionately people of color. Car impoundment, and then accruing the costs of tow and impound, is a pretty significant punishment. That means that someone with less than \$200 (?) of outstanding debt can have their means to access employment and healthcare taken unexpectedly and then have to go through a confusing and burdensome process to get it back. Is five outstanding parking citations really an appropriate threshold for this type of punishment? Given that it would likely be impossible to enforce uniformly at that level, it may also raise issues with selective enforcement, etc. If the goal is to collect outstanding debt, I am curious about what amount of further outstanding debt car towing/storage fees will generate. Once it plays out, the City may end up with more outstanding debt than it started with and our clients may be pushed into even more precarious financial situations.

All the best,

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Any feedback



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Thank you!

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I believe this is the one you seek.

Let me know if not so or further.

Jim

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