

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 1, 2009
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE BOOT REMOVAL FEES IN FY 2010

ISSUE: Consideration of an increase in boot removal fees for FY 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council adopt the attached resolution for increasing the boot removal fee from \$20 to \$75.

DISCUSSION: Throughout the FY 2010 budget process, the Police Department researched the feasibility of increasing various fines and fees. The City Council FY 2010 Approved Budget includes an increase to the Boot Removal fee. The table below shows a comparison of the current and proposed City fines with those of other jurisdictions

Fee Comparison				
	Alexandria (Current)	Alexandria (Proposed)	Fairfax County	Arlington County
Boot Removal Fee	\$20	\$75	\$25	\$52

The boot removal fee is proposed to increase from \$20 to \$75, representing an increase of \$55. This fee is charged to remove boots from vehicles that have been immobilized due to unpaid parking tickets. Fairfax County charges \$25 and Arlington County charges \$52 for this service.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is expected that approval of this increase will help to cover the City's cost for boot removal and will result in a total \$74,250 in additional revenue. This figure is based on 1,350 boot removals. The Approved Budget included an increase of \$74,250 in General Fund revenue in anticipation of the change to the boot removal fee.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

STAFF:
David P. Baker, Police Chief
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Amy Flenniken, Division Chief, Police, Fiscal Management
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RESOLUTION NO. 2345

**Fee Increase for the Removal of a Motor
Vehicle Immobilization Device**

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by; and for activities, programs and services provided by the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, under City Code section 3-2-355(d), the City of Alexandria is authorized to impose a fee to cover the reasonable costs incidental to the immobilization of a motor vehicle that is found parked within the City and which has three or more outstanding or otherwise unsettled parking citations issued for a violation of any provision of Title 10, Chapter 4, or Title 5, Chapter 8, Articles C through G, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981; and

WHEREAS, City Council has now determined that it is necessary and desirable to increase the fee for the removal of a motor vehicle immobilization device from \$20.00 to \$75.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia:

1. That, beginning in fiscal year 2010, the fee for the removal of a motor vehicle immobilization device shall be \$75.00.
2. That the fee established in Section 1, above, shall remain in effect during subsequent fiscal years until it is revised by the City Council.
3. That this resolution shall be effective on the date and at the time of its adoption.

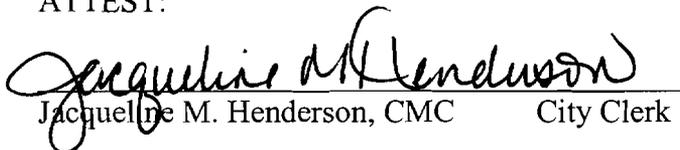
ADOPTED: June 9, 2009



WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR

ATTEST:



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk