

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: **032**

Police

Approve an ordinance creating City Code Chapter 13-7 to enact regulations for vehicle immobilization services (vehicle booting); authorizing related fees; and creating offenses.

Lead Department	Austin Police Department.
Fiscal Note	A fiscal note is attached.
For More Information	Troy Gay, Assistant Chief, Austin Police Department (512) 974-5030.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	This item was presented to the Urban Transportation Committee on July 10, 2018.

Additional Backup Information:

Texas House Bill 2065 was passed in May 2017. The law, which fully takes effect on September 1, 2018, largely de-regulates vehicle booting at the state level. Accordingly, all references to booting licenses issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for companies and operators will be removed from state law on September 1, 2018. The state law also specifically allows municipalities to regulate booting as long as local regulations meet certain minimum requirements. This proposed ordinance regulates the vehicle booting industry in Austin and complies with the minimum regulatory requirements remaining in state law.

On September 14, 2016, as part of the 2016-17 budget process, the City Council adopted the following fees:

Vehicle Immobilization Fee: \$50

Vehicle Immobilization Operator's Permit: \$15.00

Vehicle Immobilization Operator's Permit Replacement: \$11.00