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**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
MUNICIPAL COURTS DEPARTMENT**

Interdepartmental Correspondence

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Quentin B. Porter, Municipal Courts Director

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: INCREASE BOOTING FEE FOR THE IMMOBILIZATION OF A
VEHICLE

DATE: September 3, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

This ordinance amends chapter 19 of the City Code by increasing the Booting Fee for the immobilization of a vehicle from \$40 to \$60.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

On September 10, 1987, City Council approved Ordinance No. 65690 declaring the violation of City ordinances relating to parking and stopping vehicles to be civil offenses, and prescribed civil fines and other civil penalties.

On February 10, 1988, City Council approved Ordinance No. 66559 which authorized a \$25 immobilization fee as an enforcement measure for the collection of delinquent parking fines. A vehicle is immobilized if the registered owner has at least three delinquent parking violations. On September 16, 1999, Ordinance No. 90496 increased the fee from \$25 to \$40.

The recommended increase is based on the cost to immobilize a vehicle, and is consistent with the average fee of other major Texas cities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

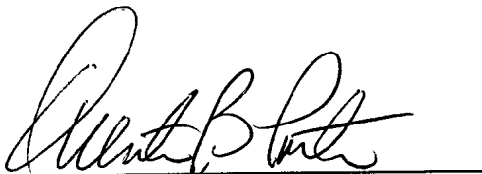
An estimated 538 vehicles will be immobilized due to outstanding parking fines in FY 2004-2005. The fee increase from \$40 to \$60 is estimated to generate approximately \$10,743 additional revenue. Total estimated revenue from booting fees is \$32,280.

COORDINATION:

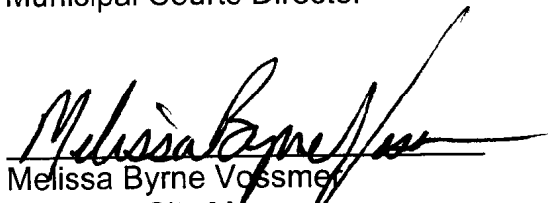
This ordinance was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS:

This ordinance does not request funding for any contractual services requiring disclosure under the City Code of Ethics.

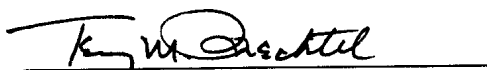


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