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Incident: Newport, Oregon Initiates Collection of Unpaid Parking Fines

Details: In June 2010, the City of Newport awarded a contract to TCB Security Services to enforce parking regulations in the city. In the past, the Newport Police Department hired a seasonal (summer months only) Parking Enforcement Officer. The cost to recruit, train, and outfit a new employee every summer was very high. Now that TCB Security Services has a full-time employee dedicated to year-round parking enforcement, parking violations (including abandoned vehicles) are monitored and regulated efficiently and consistently. The Newport Police Department encourages Newport residents and visitors to continue to comply with the restrictions placed on parking, which allow equal access to parking spaces in the busier areas of our city. There is no charge for parking in Newport. The parking spaces are well-marked, and the signs clearly indicate the amount of time allotted to parked vehicles. Many people who have received citations have either paid the fine or requested a court appearance. However, it has become evident that there is a surprisingly large number of parking fines that have not been paid over the past few years. The City is owed more than \$10,000.00 in uncollected parking fines.

Effective July 1, 2012, the City of Newport will begin to collect past-due parking fines, using TCB Security Services as the collecting agency. The initial focus will be on unpaid fines for parking citations written in 2011. One of the final steps in the collection process is immobilization of the vehicle by using "the boot," which is authorized in Chapter 6.50.015 of the Newport Municipal Code. An enforcement officer may immobilize any vehicle, without prior notice to the registered owner, under any of the following conditions: the vehicle has one (1) unpaid parking citation outstanding for more than 45 days, and no hearing has been requested; or there are four (4) or more unpaid parking violations on the vehicle. Immobilization devices are commonly referred to as "the boot." To avoid vehicle impound and additional fees associated with boot placement, Newport residents and visitors are encouraged to comply with parking regulations and pay fines. If the fine(s) is/are not paid within 24 hours of boot placement, a vehicle may be impounded.

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