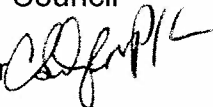


Office of the City Manager

September 30, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Phil Kamlarz, City Manager 

Subject: Booting Program for Scofflaw Enforcement

Earlier this year, Council approved a contract with Paylock Inc. to institute a “booting” program for scofflaw vehicles-- those with five or more unpaid parking citations. This program is a substitute to the current practice of impounding those vehicles.

The Police, Finance and Information Technology departments have been working for the last several years to prepare this program for implementation, and that work is now complete. On Tuesday, October 4th, at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Maudelle Shirek Building at 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, the Police Department and representatives from Paylock will do a demonstration of the boot for media and the public. The actual practice of booting cars will begin about two weeks after the demonstration.

We are hoping that by bringing attention to the program in advance, residents will take the opportunity to clear their outstanding citations. Because current information about a vehicle’s scofflaw status goes to the handheld computers of the Parking Enforcement Officers, residents can clear citations now, and avoid having their cars immobilized later.

Scofflaws currently account for almost \$1.6 million in unpaid parking citations. This program will improve our ability to enforce and collect on those citations.

More detailed information about the booting program will be posted to www.CityofBerkeley.info/police next week, to coincide with the public launch of the program.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

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