



# City of Chicago



O2022-1217

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 4/27/2022

**Sponsor(s):** Reboyras (30)  
Lopez (15)

**Type:** Ordinance

**Title:** Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 4-6 to repeal  
Section 4-6-230(g)(5) regarding booting of motor vehicles on  
private property

**Committee(s) Assignment:**   
Committee on License and Consumer Protection



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**City Council Meeting  
May 25, 2022**

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Committees and Rules, considered the following Report, Ordinances and Nominations when it met on May 24, 2022:

1. The approval of the February 2022 and March 2022, Monthly Rule 45 Reports for the Committee on Committees and Rules

***Your Committee on Committees and Rules, recommends "do pass" of the following items:***

2. Ordinance correcting the City Council Journal of Proceedings of December 15, 2021 (O2021-466)
3. Recommendation to refer proposed ordinance amendment of Municipal Chapter 2-156 by modifying various section and adding new Section 2156-301 regarding governmental ethics (O2022-1100) to the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight
4. Recommendation to refer proposed ordinance amendment of Municipal Code 4-6-230(g)(5) regarding booting of motor vehicles on private property (O2022-1217) to the Committee on License and Consumer Protection
5. Recommendation of a list of 14 nominees to the Mayor for consideration for appointment to the interim Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability, including:

Andre Thomas  
Anthony Driver  
Mamayan Jabateh  
Yvette Loizon  
Ursula Ricketts  
Emma Lozano  
Remel Terry  
Bruce Washington

Cliff Nellis  
Oswaldo Gomez  
Patrick O'Connor  
Beth Brown  
Luis Carrizales  
Isaac Troncoso

This recommendation of each item was concurred in by the Committee on Committees and Rules.

Sincerely,

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**Michelle Harris, Chairman  
Committee on Committees and  
Rules**

*License*

**ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago's retail establishments and restaurants have endured great economic hardship over the previous year and a half due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with many businesses suffering dramatic reductions in customer traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to providing financial assistance to struggling businesses, the City of Chicago has modified many of its business regulations at little or no cost to the taxpayers, such as allowing year-round sidewalk cafes and expanded outdoor dining, to assist businesses in attracting more customers, which makes it easier for businesses to survive in these difficult economic times; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Council recently enacted the "Chi Biz Strong Initiative," a wide-ranging business relief package that provided much-needed financial assistance to thousands of businesses and cut red tape across numerous City processes, all in recognition of the fact that local businesses need help in order to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe and convenient off-street parking is an important amenity for many businesses, including restaurants, fast food establishments, convenience stores, laundromats, and the like, who depend for their success on customers who travel to their business in automobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, These businesses suffer great financial harm when their off-street parking lots are occupied by vehicles belonging to non-customers and other unauthorized users, depriving paying customers of the ability to park at their businesses and sending those customers elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, because the financial viability of these businesses depends on maintaining the accessibility of their parking lots, many of them have availed themselves of parking management services which attach a "boot" to illegally parked vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Many businesses find the booting service far preferable to towing companies because the property owner is not required to monitor his or her parking lot and call a towing company, which may not arrive until after the illegally parked vehicle has left the premises; and

**WHEREAS**, The documented stories of a "Wild West" of rogue tow truck drivers, which prompted the City Council recently to license tow truck drivers, underscores why business owners are reluctant to engage in tow truck companies to patrol their lots; and

**WHEREAS**, The business owner and the surrounding community enjoy the additional benefit of having a uniformed employee of the parking management service on site who will call the police if they witness any illegal or suspicious activity on the premises or in the nearby area; and

**WHEREAS**, The owner of the illegally parked vehicle benefits as well by paying the fine to have the boot removed at the location where the trespass occurred and need not undergo

the inconvenience and expense of identifying the towing company who removed their vehicle and traveling often at great distances to recover their vehicle and pay towing and storage fees; and

**WHEREAS**, To prevent unwary motorists from receiving a boot on their car, City ordinance requires parking management services to post signs conspicuously at the entrance to the parking lot and throughout the parking lot property advising motorists that parking is reserved for patrons visiting the business only and that by parking on the lot, non-customers consent to the immobilization of their vehicle with a boot; and

**WHEREAS**, Parking management services have operated booting services for local businesses in the City of Chicago for the last 21 years with no major incidents and, like towing companies, should have the option of offering this service to all Chicago wards; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the clear benefit to retailers, restaurants and their customers, businesses in approximately one-third of the City of Chicago are unable to avail themselves of this parking management service to protect their parking lots from unauthorized users; and

**WHEREAS**, Expanding this service citywide will greatly assist struggling businesses, who are operating at a financial loss or with only thin profit margins, at no cost to the taxpayers;

**WHEREAS**, Every ten years, the City Council is legally required to redraw ward boundaries to ensure all wards are approximately equal in population; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to the remap process, many businesses that for years lawfully enjoyed this parking management benefit will no longer be able to do because they will be mapped into a ward that does not allow private booting; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**SECTION 1.** Section 4-6-230 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the text struck through, as follows:

**4-6-230 Booting of motor vehicles**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(g) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any licensee engaged in the business of booting to:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

~~(5) engage in booting operations at any location that is outside the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, 11<sup>th</sup> Ward, 12<sup>th</sup> Ward, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward, 16<sup>th</sup> Ward, 21<sup>st</sup> Ward, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward, 26<sup>th</sup> Ward, 27<sup>th</sup> Ward, 28<sup>th</sup> Ward, 29<sup>th</sup> Ward, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward, 31<sup>st</sup> Ward, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward, 34<sup>th</sup> Ward, 35<sup>th</sup> Ward, 36<sup>th</sup> Ward, 37<sup>th</sup> Ward, 38<sup>th</sup> Ward, 40<sup>th</sup> Ward, 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward, 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward, 45<sup>th</sup> Ward, 46<sup>th</sup> Ward, 47<sup>th</sup> Ward, 48<sup>th</sup> Ward, or 49<sup>th</sup> Ward, all bounded as provided in Article III of Chapter 2-8 of the Code.~~

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and publication.

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**ARIEL REBOYRAS**  
**Alderman, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward**



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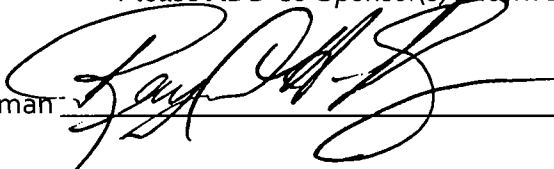
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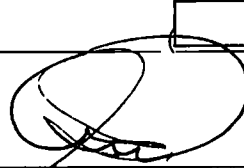
#### Adding Co-Sponsor(s)

Please **ADD** Co-Sponsor(s) Shown Below – (Principal Sponsor’s Consent Required)

Alderman  (15 Ward)  
(Signature)

Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ (     Ward)  
(Signature)

Date Filed: April 27, 2022

Principal Sponsor: 30/   
(Signature)

#### Removing Co-Sponsor(s)

Please **REMOVE** Co-Sponsor(s) Below – (Principal Sponsor’s Consent NOT Required)

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