

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS: On December 11, 2025, the Georgia Board of Public Safety voted upon and approved the adoption of Georgia Department of Public Safety Maximum Rate Tariff No. 1 pertaining to Intrastate Rates and Charges Applying to Nonconsensual Vehicle Immobilization; and

WHEREAS: Per Administrative Order dated December 17, 2025, I ordered that Maximum Rate Tariff No. 1 Applying to Nonconsensual Vehicle Immobilization be adopted and take effect January 1, 2026; and

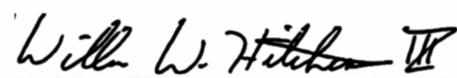
WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 44-1-13 requires that companies immobilizing any vehicle trespassing on private property shall conspicuously post on the private property notice that any trespassing vehicle may be immobilized at the expense of the owner of the trespassing vehicle; and

WHEREAS: Per Administrative Order dated December 29, 2025, I ordered that companies performing such vehicle immobilizations shall have until February 15, 2026, to erect signage at each entrance to a property and visible at night, such that owners or drivers of any vehicle upon which an immobilization device has been placed are on notice regarding the company name and a 24-hour contact phone number, accepted methods of payment, and the all-inclusive, flat rates assessed by the company based on the vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating; and that enforcement of such signage requirements shall commence on or after February 15, 2026.

ORDERED: Now, therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-1-13(b)(1) and the authority vested in me as Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, it is hereby

ORDERED: That pending the adoption of any rules in DPS Rules Chapter 570-38 regarding signage requirements pertaining to nonconsensual vehicle immobilization, the Standards in "Attachment A" to this order shall govern sign specifications applicable to any Georgia Department of Public Safety Maximum Rate Tariff for Intrastate Rates and Charges Applying to Nonconsensual Vehicle Immobilization.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of February, 2026.



Colonel William W. Hitchens III

ATTACHMENT "A"

DPS Sign Specification Standards for Vehicle Immobilization Companies

- (1) Vehicle immobilization companies or owners of private property shall place signs that conform to the requirements of these Standards within 50 feet of each designated entrance to a parking lot or parking area where parking prohibitions apply and where they have authorized vehicle immobilization, except that if it is not feasible to place such signs within 50 feet of such entrances due to terrain, landscaping, or other factors, such signs shall be placed as close as feasible to such entrances and shall otherwise comply with the requirements of these Standards. Where there is no designated entrance, such signs shall be posted so as to be clearly visible from each and every parking space. Such signs shall be a minimum of 12 inches by 18 inches with a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch lettering. The words "Private Parking" shall be printed in Bold with a minimum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch lettering. Signs need not be visible from areas of private property that are not designed for parking of vehicles so long as the vehicle immobilization company or owner of such property has posted signs that are otherwise in compliance with these Standards.
- (2) At least some portion of such signs located at a designated entrance to a parking lot shall be at least four feet above the site grade and, where there is no designated entrance, at least some portion of such signs shall be six feet above the site grade. Posted signs must be free of any natural or man-made interference and be clearly visible.
- (3) Such signs shall also include the following:
 - (a) A warning that unauthorized vehicles will be immobilized;
 - (b) Vehicle immobilization company name, telephone number and property owner name;
 - (c) Immobilization fees;
 - (d) Hours of Operation; and
 - (e) Methods of payment accepted, as specified in Section 1 – General Provisions, of DPS Maximum Rate Tariff for Intrastate Rates and Charges Applying to Nonconsensual Vehicle Immobilization (Booting).
- (4) Except to the extent otherwise authorized by law or the Department, signs required by these Standards shall be separate and distinct from all other posted signage and shall not contain content unrelated to vehicle immobilization.
- (5) The Department shall interpret any sign listing "minimum" fees or charges to describe the actual rate applicable to the smallest class of vehicle immobilized. As such a vehicle immobilization firm shall not be entitled to charge in excess of its "minimum" fees as listed on a sign required by these Standards by virtue of the fact that rates applicable to vehicle immobilization

have increased from the rate listed upon such sign(s). Only the applicability of a higher rate due to the nature of the vehicle being immobilized or the service performed shall justify charges in excess of the listed "minimum."

(6) No vehicle shall be immobilized on private property which does not, at the time of the immobilization and for at least 24 hours prior thereto, have signs posted which are in substantial compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (5) above. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to owner(s) of private residential property containing four or less residential units.

(7) All signs posted in accordance with these standards must be removed from private property within 15 days after:

- (a) The termination of a contract for vehicle immobilization on the property in question;
- (b) Withdrawal of authorization from the property owner or agent to perform vehicle immobilization; or
- (c) The suspension, revocation, or expiration of the vehicle immobilization operator's annual permit.

(8) A property owner or agent that utilizes multiple vehicle immobilization companies to perform vehicle immobilization shall place signs conforming with these Standards that provide the information required by paragraph (3) above pertaining to all vehicle immobilization firms utilized by the owner or agent. Such signs should be placed or arranged in a manner that provides clear notice to vehicle owners and operators that multiple vehicle immobilization firms are authorized to perform vehicle immobilization on the property and may be responsible for the immobilization of a vehicle.