CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

October 21, 2026

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Dear Requester:

On the behalf of the City of Chicago Department of Finance ("DOF"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request sent and received by DOF on October 9, 2026, seeking records to the following:

> *"Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I request the following existing records of the Department of Finance. Electronic copies are preferred. This request is not for a commercial purpose as defined in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-10); the records will be published free in a public library of towing records. 1. Any existing report of vehicles booted per month, January 1, 2019, to the present, and how many were released after payment or payment plan, or towed after booting. Counts only. 2. Any existing report of tow, storage and boot fees collected and of fees refunded or waived (including after hearings and under the stolen-vehicle waiver), by year since 2019. 3. The current boot program rules, eligibility thresholds, notices (including the boot-eligibility and final notices) and release forms. 4. The current fee schedule for tows, storage and boots, and the ordinance or rule for each change since January 1, 2019 (including the December 2025 increase), if not posted online."*

Pursuant to 5 ILCS/140, you will find information pertaining to Item # 1-3 of your request enclosed in accordance with the FOIA Act through GOVQA at the following entries Department of Finance (F155224-100926).

Please be advised regarding Item 4 of your request, information regarding fee schedules can be found online at https://311.chicago.gov/s/article/Booted-vehicle-information?language=en_US

Please note that each City department is a public body under Section 2 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/2(a). See *Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago*, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784, 709 N.E.2d 1281, 1286 (1ST Dist. 1999) Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are public bodies as defined by the FOIA. A FOIA request must be directed to the department that maintains the records you are seeking.

To the extent that you feel your FOIA request has been denied, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (217) 558-0486. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

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