



## Effective January 4, 2010 PARKatlanta - Public Parking Management Agency to Begin Booting & Towing

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ATLANTA, Ga., January 4, 2010 – The Department of Public Works continues to offer programs and services to improve the uses of the public-right-of-way. Our efforts to enhance the on-street public parking program began November 1, 2009 with the introduction of PARKatlanta. Effective January 4, 2010, vehicles illegally parked in the public-right-of-way may be subject to booting and/or towing. In accordance with City Ordinance 09-0-0765 (Section 150-88), vehicles with 3 or more outstanding unpaid fines are considered boot and/or tow eligible.

PARKatlanta is responsible for the enforcement of parking-related regulations on behalf of the City, including maintenance of parking meters and regulatory signage; parking meter collections; on-street parking and right-of-way regulation enforcement; parking citation processing and delinquent collection services; and vehicle booting and towing services. All services are being performed in accordance with City regulations and guidelines.

Registered owners of boot eligible vehicles began receiving notices by mail in November 2009 informing them of their boot eligible status. This notice was in addition to prior notices sent regarding each specific parking violation, which alerted owners of all prior violations and amounts owed to the City. Prior notices have also included detailed instructions for paying by cash, check, credit card, or debit card either by mail, phone, in-person, or online. Only after a grace period of an additional thirty (30) days following the date the boot eligibility notice is sent does a vehicle become “boot eligible.”

When a boot eligible vehicle is identified, a vehicle immobilization device known as a parking boot will be attached to a tire on the vehicle which will prevent the vehicle from being driven. Parking boots can only be removed by PARKatlanta personnel upon payment of all outstanding fines and fees associated with the vehicle, as well as a \$50.00 boot removal fee. If all fines and fees are not paid within 24hours of immobilization, vehicles will be towed to the PARKatlanta impound facility. In this event, towing, and storage fees will apply.

For fastest service, payments can be accepted by phone, online, or in-person. Phone payments are accepted using a secure, automated payment menu at (888) 266-1360. On-line payments can be made by accessing the secure payment website at [www.AtlantaGa.gov](http://www.AtlantaGa.gov) and clicking on the “Parking Tickets” link. In-person payments are accepted at the designated payment window at the Municipal Court of Atlanta, 150 Garnett Street S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 between the hours of 7:30am-5:30pm Monday–Thursday, excluding City Holidays.

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