

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-50 OF CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II,
VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION AND IMPOUNDMENT OF THE CITY OF JOLIET CODE
OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Joliet, Illinois (City) has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognize the need to update the Code of Ordinances from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is a home rule unit of local government.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find that the recitals contained in the remainder of this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2: That Section 3-50 of Chapter 3, Article II, shall be amended as follows (increasing the number of unpaid parking tickets from five (5) to ten (10) in order to immobilize or tow vehicle):

[Amended language in bold]

Sec. 3-50. Vehicle immobilization and impoundment.

(a) *Pre-immobilization and pre-tow procedures.* Any motor vehicle whose registered owner has been determined to be liable for **ten (10)** or more parking, vehicular standing, or compliance regulation violations for which the fines or penalties assessed remain unpaid may be immobilized or towed and impounded if:

- (1) The traffic compliance administrator has determined that a person has determined to be liable for **ten (10)** or more violation notices for which the fines or penalties remain unpaid.
- (2) The person is determined to be liable for **ten (10)** or more violations is the registered owner of a motor vehicle located within the corporate limits of the City of Joliet (but the vehicle need not be registered to an address located within the City of Joliet).

- (3) A pre-immobilization or pre-towing notice has been sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle, which contains at least, but not limited to, the following:
- a. That a final determination has been made on **ten (10)** or more parking, standing, or compliance violations for which the fines or penalties remain unpaid.
 - b. A listing of the violations for which the person has been determined liable, which shall include for each violation:
 - i. The violation notice number.
 - ii. Date of issuance.
 - iii. Total amount of fines and penalties assessed and that remain unpaid.
 - c. That the motor vehicle owned by the person is subject to immobilization and towing and impoundment if the fines and penalties are not paid within, but no later than fourteen (14) days of the date of the notice.
 - d. That the registered owner may contest the validity of the notice and the impending immobilization or tow by filing and signing a request for hearing with the traffic compliance administrator within but not later than fourteen (14) days of the date of the notice. The request for hearing shall be deemed filed upon receipt by the traffic compliance administrator.

SECTION 3: In the event that any provision or provisions, or portion or portions of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall in no way affect or impair the validity or enforceability of any of the remaining provisions or portions of this ordinance that may be given effect without such invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, portion or portions.

SECTION 4: All ordinances directly in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be deemed severable and the invalidity of any portion hereof shall not invalidate the remainder.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES:

VOTING NO:

NOT VOTING:
