



## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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### **City Announces New Parking Enforcement System** *Smart Boot Program Aimed at Curbing Unpaid Tickets*

SALT LAKE CITY –Councilmen Carlton Christensen and JT Martin, along with Police Capt. Carroll Mays, will announce a new Salt Lake City parking enforcement tool at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 10 at the Salt Lake City & County Building.

The new Smart Boot Program marks a change in City enforcement policy by deterring the accumulation of outstanding parking tickets while also creating an alternative to vehicle impoundment.

Currently, Salt Lake City is owed over \$1.3 million in unpaid parking citations – money that could otherwise be used to help fund critical City services like fire protection, police and road maintenance. Under the new program, drivers with two or more parking citations in excess of 30 days overdue could be subject to the installation of an electronic boot that renders a vehicle undrivable until the owner makes restitution on the outstanding fines. A single, toll-free phone call is all that is necessary to release the device. City contractor, PayLock, operates a 24-hour hotline that allows for vehicle owners to pay outstanding fines and receive an unlock code to disengage the device. Owners then must return the boot to the downtown office of the City’s Parking Compliance Division.

Under previous City policy, drivers could accumulate as many as six outstanding tickets before being subject to having their vehicles towed to an impound lot, where they would be held until fines were paid.

“By implementing this new tool, our foremost goal is to discourage drivers from allowing unpaid tickets to languish,” said Mayor Ralph Becker. “However, if two or more tickets do go unpaid, and an owner’s vehicle is booted, the system allows for a fast and easy resolution – one that should be far preferable to an impound procedure.”

Preceding the implementation of the new system, scheduled for March 23, a public outreach campaign will seek to encourage those with unpaid tickets to pay the fines or make arrangements for a payment plan. Salt Lake City parking tickets can be paid two ways:

**In-person:** Salt Lake Justice Court, 333 S. 200 East, SLC. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Or, on-line at:** <https://asp.slcgov.com/management/services/CourtPayments/ale.asp>

**WHO:** Councilman Carlton Christensen, Councilman JT Martin, SLCPD Capt. Carroll Mays

**WHAT:** Announcement of Smart Boot Program

**WHEN:** 9 a.m., Thursday, March 10

**WHERE:** Salt Lake City & County Building, 451 S. State St. , East entrance

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