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# **Proposed By-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property**

Transportation Standing Committee

June 24, 2021

# Origin

January 15, 2019 Regional Council Motion asked staff to consider if vehicle immobilization was legal. Report dated January 23, 2020 determined it was.

February 27, 2020 TSC motion:

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on developing a bylaw for parking and vehicle immobilization on private property that analyzes possible licensing; setting reasonable maximum fees; timelines for removal of immobilizing devices; uniforms and identification of employees; appropriate signage on vehicles; signage on property; convenient payment options including cash, debit, credit online and on-site; and other related regulations. Also the staff report should investigate the possibility of these private parking enforcement companies partnering with the municipality in writing parking tickets on private property similar to Ottawa.

# Recommendation

It is recommended that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law V200, the Vehicle Immobilization By-law, as set out in Attachment A to this report.

# Licensing

**Option 1** Require the business to have employees registered as special constables

**Option 2** License vehicle immobilization businesses through By-law

**Option 3** Appointing special constables and introduction of a cost-share model

# Signage, Uniforms and Identification



# Fees and Payment Options

- Introduction of multiple payment types
- Attendant must respond within 30 minutes of being called
- **Proposing a fine amount of \$60**

# Other Considerations

- The Ottawa model
- The Motor Vehicle Act and incoming Traffic Safety Act
- Impact of regulation on local business