



Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2026
8:00 AM

City Hall

Aspen Room
415 W. 6th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660
Virtual Meeting Link & Call-In Number

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Public Comment

To provide public testimony, please see instructions below.

3. Approval of 8/12/26 Minutes

8/12/26 Minutes

4. Parking Code Review & Update

Gabriel Montez, Parking District Manager

Presentation

5. Parking Scofflaw Program

Tyler Lund, Parking Project Coordinator and Austin Douglas,
Lead Parking Officer

Adjournment

Parking Advisory Committee

Members

Jocelyn Cross
Ryan Morin
Jason Cromer
Jonathan Wheeler
Garret Ginter

Parking Services

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Date: August 12, 2026

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location

Birch Conference Room and Virtual
City Hall
415 W 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98668

Meeting (Convened via in-person and video conference)

The meeting agenda materials referenced in these minutes can be found online.

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The August 12, 2026 meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Ryan Morin, Chair.

Board Members Present: Jason Cromer, Jonathan Wheeler, Ryan Morin

Board Members Absent: Garrett Ginter, Jocelyn Cross

Staff Present: Gabriel Montez, Tyler Lund, Callie Taylor, Kyle McCleary

Guests: None

Motion by Morin, seconded by Cromer, and carried unanimously to excuse the absence of Garrett Ginter and Jocelyn Cross.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Cromer, seconded by Wheeler, and unanimously approved the June 10, 2026 minutes.

Item 3: Public Comment

None.

Item 4: Parking Plan Implementation Update

Gabriel Montez, Parking District Manager, provided an update on implementation of the Downtown Access, Mobility and Parking Plan, including progress from Phase I and proposed changes for Phase II. Tyler Lund, Parking Project Coordinator, reviewed the implementation of seven-day paid parking south of Evergreen Boulevard, the Waterfront hourly rate increase, Vancouver Center Garage access control improvements and downtown wayfinding efforts. Recent parking data showed that overall demand has remained steady or increased compared with the previous year, with some shifts between parking

Members

Ryan Morin
Chair

Jason Cromer
Vice-Chair

Garrett Ginter
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districts. Saturdays continue to be the busiest parking day, with Sundays also among the higher-demand days. Staff noted that seven-day paid parking has not significantly discouraged downtown parking activity and has contributed to increased turnover, greater space availability and fewer instances of prolonged or improper parking. Parking data is currently reviewed monthly, while rates are generally evaluated annually.

Montez then presented proposed Phase II changes, which would expand seven-day paid parking north of Evergreen Boulevard and establish high- and low-demand parking areas. Higher-demand business corridors would use pricing and shorter time limits to encourage turnover, while lower-demand areas would provide more affordable, longer-term parking options for residents, employees and permit holders. Proposed permit reforms would allow permit holders greater flexibility to park throughout designated low-demand areas, remove permit parking from high-demand areas and transition permits to a digital system. Montez noted that digitization would also provide better data to support consideration of additional permit models in future years.

Montez outlined a stakeholder engagement process that will include individual outreach to directly impacted stakeholders, meetings with neighborhood associations, businesses and community organizations, and a public survey distributed through City channels and approximately 1,000 direct contacts. Engagement and analysis are expected to continue through early 2027, followed by development of recommendations, communications and signage, with Phase II implementation tentatively planned for the third quarter of 2027. Committee discussion emphasized the importance of clearly communicating the benefits of the high- and low-demand system, including highlighting lower-cost parking options and presenting the changes as a broader effort to simplify parking, improve turnover and better use available curb space.

Item 5: Parking Code Review & Update

Kyle Mccleary, Lead Parking Officer, presented proposed updates to Title 19 of the Vancouver Municipal Code related to parking. The review is intended to remove outdated or incorrect language, improve clarity and consistency, reflect current parking technology and operations, and better align the code with City values and implementation of the Downtown Access, Mobility and Parking Plan. Proposed revisions include correcting outdated code references, replacing gendered language with gender-neutral terminology, and updating references to physical parking meters and pay stations with broader “payment collection device” language that accommodates current and future payment technologies.

Mccleary reviewed several examples of proposed changes, including new or updated definitions for block faces, campers and electric vehicles; removal of outdated requirements related to coins, physical meters and printed receipts; and updates reflecting the City’s current pay-by-plate system. Additional revisions would clarify overtime parking and improper payment violations, update permit parking language in preparation for digital permits, and move certain permit requirements from municipal code into individual permit agreements. Staff also proposed updating regulations related to moving vehicles to evade parking time limits and expanding language regarding obstruction of traffic to specifically address impacts to vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Code related to vehicle license plates would also be broadened beyond expired tabs to address other improper plate displays.

Committee members provided minor feedback on the proposed language, which staff noted will undergo additional review by the City Attorney before being finalized. Montez explained that this initial set of revisions primarily consists of administrative and operational cleanup, while more substantive code changes will be presented at the next meeting. The Committee is expected to consider a recommendation on the complete code amendment package before staff presents the proposed changes to City Council, followed by a public hearing later in the fall.

Adjournment

8:57 am

Ryan Morin, Board President

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Parking Advisory Committee Meeting

September 9, 2026

Gabriel Montez
Parking Manager
Parking Services

Tyler Lund
Project Coordinator
Parking Services

Austin Douglas
Lead Officer
Parking Services

Agenda

- Title 19 Updates
 - Gendered Language
 - Outdated Language
 - Policy Updates
 - Fine Updates
- Scofflaw Program
- Next Steps



Code Update Categories

Gender/Payment Language Updates	Other/Outdated Language Updates	Operations and Policy Updates
19.02.020	19.03.010	19.02.010
19.04.030	19.04.010	19.04.030
19.04.050	19.04.070	19.04.090
19.06.030	19.07.040	19.05.010
19.06.080	19.08.020	19.07.020
19.07.010	19.09.010	19.08.010
19.07.030	19.10.010	19.10.090
19.10.060	19.10.050	19.12.020
19.10.070	19.11.020	19.12.080
19.10.080	19.11.030	19.12.090
19.11.010	19.11.060	19.12.100
19.11.040	19.12.010	19.12.110
19.13.010	19.12.060	19.13.030
19.13.020	19.12.070	19.13.050
19.13.030	19.13.070	19.13.060
19.14.030	19.14.010	

Example Code Update

Removal of outdated language

VCM 19.11.040 - Rates in public off-street facilities

A. There is hereby established a maximum daily parking rate of \$25.00, a maximum monthly parking rate of \$200.00, and a maximum event rate of \$25.00 per event stay. These rates may be reduced administratively by the city manager, or his/her their designee, pursuant to the guidelines below:

B. Any citizen 62 years of age, or older, may receive a “senior citizen discount” in an amount to be determined by the city manager or his/her their designee, but in no event should the discount exceed 20 percent;

D. The parking rates may be changed to an amount to reach desired occupancy rates at parking meters payment collection devices;

The city manager, or his/her their designee, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the administrative reduction of the maximum parking rates. The city manager, or his/her their designee, shall report to the city council from time to time as requested by the city council, but in any event, shall report at least once every year regarding these parking rates.



Proposed Parking Fines

Existing rates have not been updated since 2017

City	Payment / Overtime	Improper Parking	Prohibited Parking	Improper License Plate
Vancouver (Proposed)	\$40 / \$40	\$40	\$65	\$65
Vancouver (2017)	\$25 / \$30	\$35	\$40	\$50
Tacoma	\$25 / \$25	\$35	\$30	\$86
Spokane	\$30 / \$45	\$45	\$45	N/A
Seattle	\$65 / \$65	\$69	\$69	\$69
Eugene	\$25 / \$25	\$50	\$50	\$100
Portland	\$65 / \$45	\$44	\$85	\$70





Scofflaw Program



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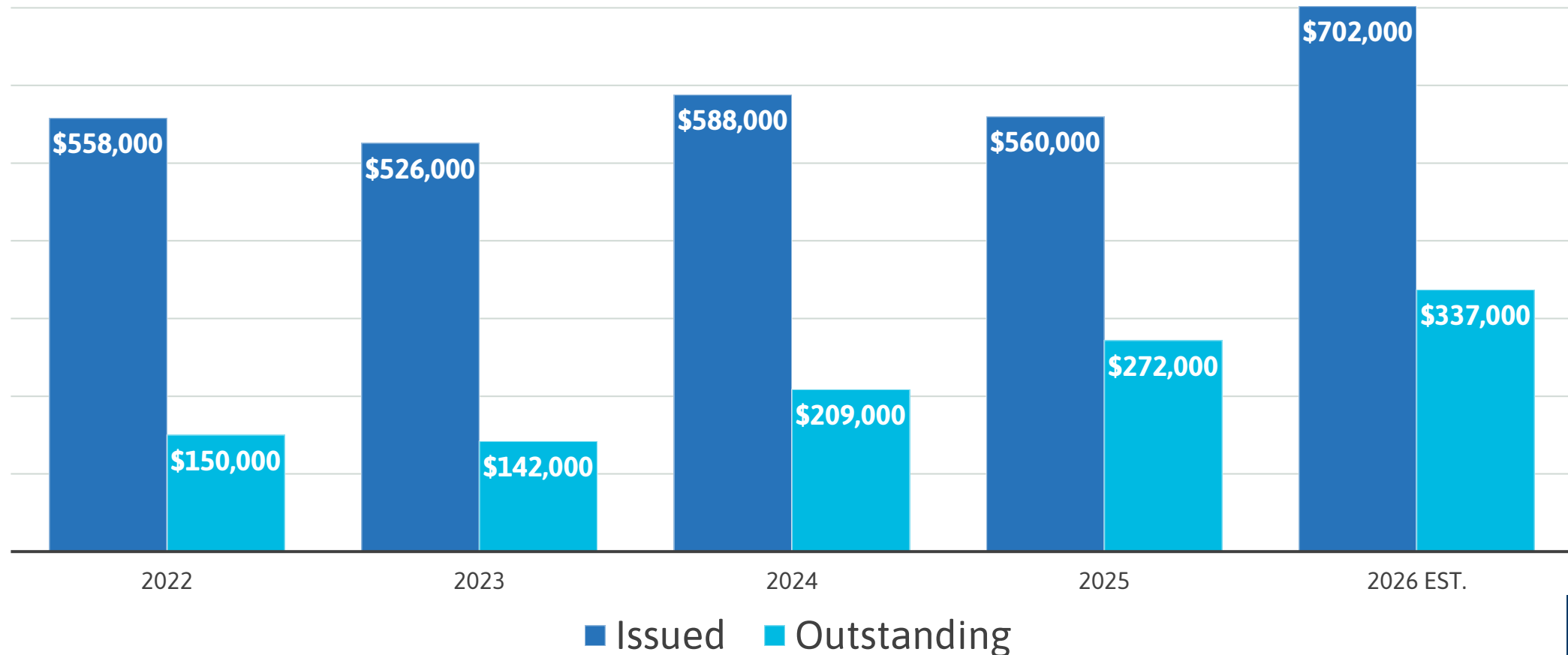
Definitions

- Scofflaw refers to a vehicle which habitually and contemptuously breaks the law without concern for the consequences.
- 4 or more citations unpaid for 45 or more days.
- 3 additional notice and due process steps.
- Addition of immobilization devices (boots) and impoundment as enforcement tools.



Issued and Outstanding Fines

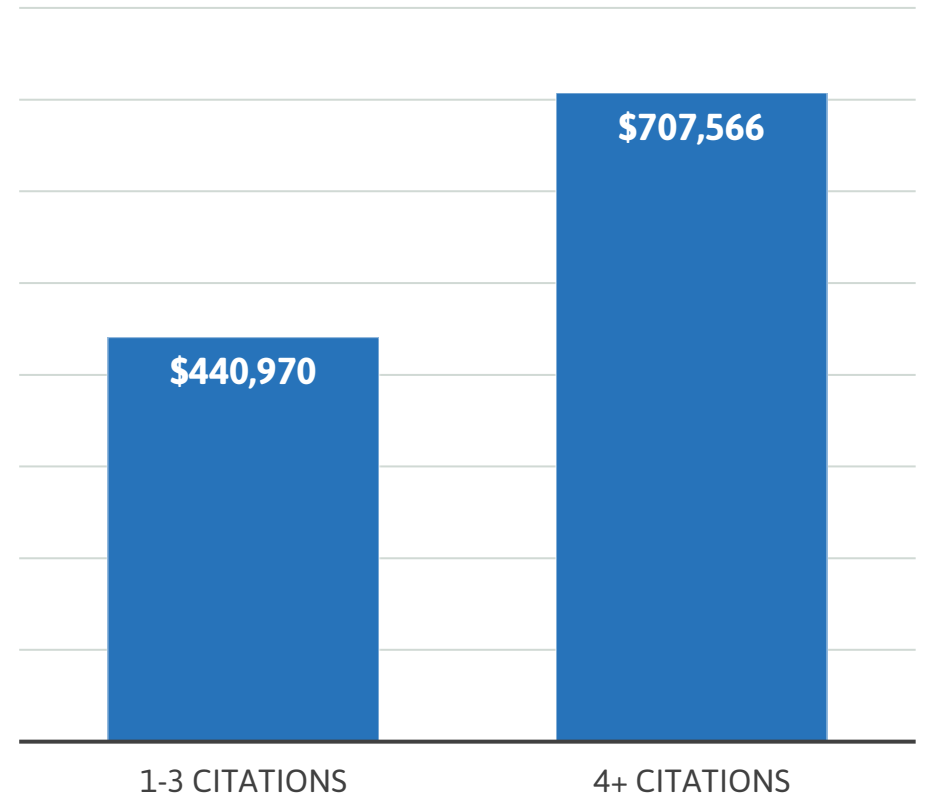
48% of issued fines in 2025 and 2026 still outstanding



Scofflaw Vehicles

Study Period 2022 – 2026

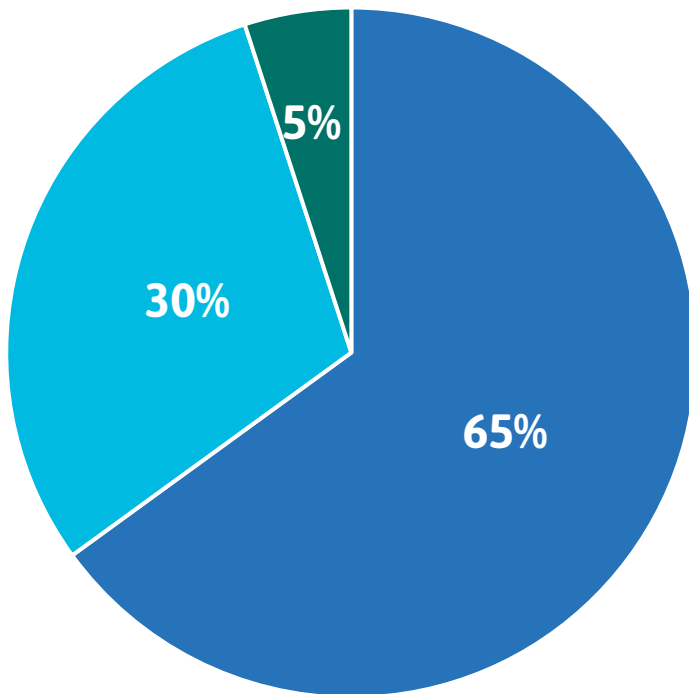
- 1110 vehicles would qualify as scofflaw.
- Account for <2% of all cited vehicles and 15% of vehicles with delinquent citations.
- Account for 62% of delinquent fines.



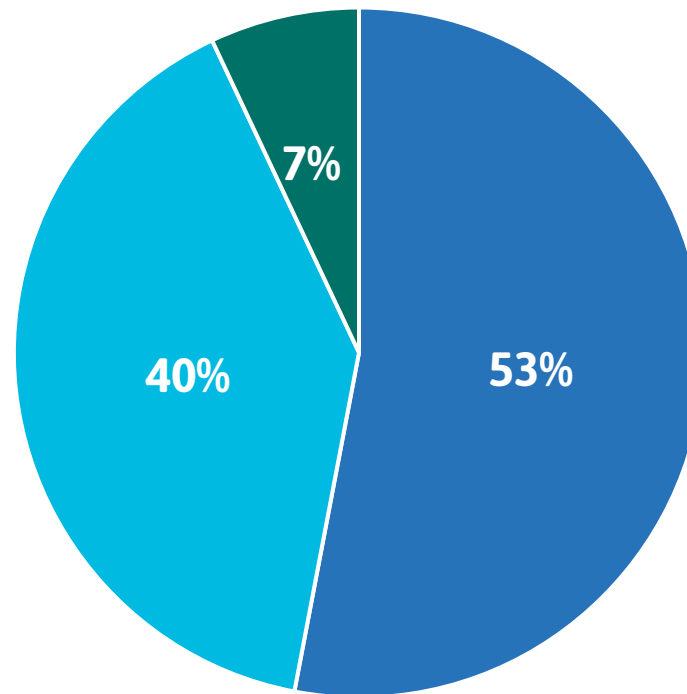
Parking and Citations

Compared by Vehicle State

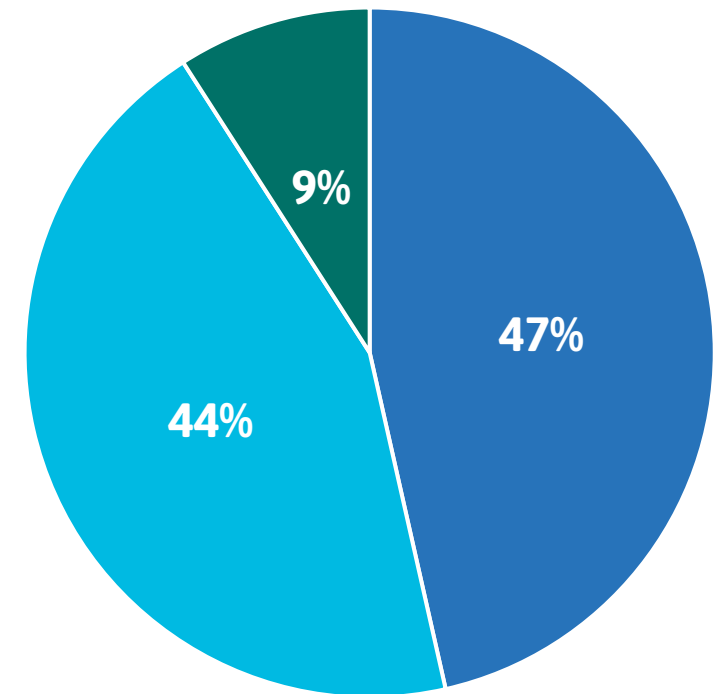
Issued Citations



Unpaid Citations



Unpaid Prohibited and License Plate Citations



■ Washington ■ Out of State ■ Missing Plate



Common Issues

Out of State License Plates

- Oregon Plate.
- 130 Citations, \$5775 in 2 years.
- Known registered owner.
- Current methods ineffective at facilitating behavior change.

Citation	Responsible Customer	Issue	Amount Due	Violation Code	License Plate		
▼ 72064011		8/31/2025	\$55.00	Overtime Parking Pay Stations			Appeal
▼ 72064010		8/31/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72063053		8/17/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72063053		8/17/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72064006		8/12/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72064006		8/12/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72063050		8/9/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72050099		7/30/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72050097		7/23/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72050097		7/23/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72063047		7/19/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72056045		7/9/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72056045		7/9/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72060057		6/6/2025	\$55.00	Overtime Parking Pay Stations			Appeal
▼ 72060057		6/6/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72060057		6/6/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72060054		5/23/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
▼ 72054010		5/18/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72053068		5/9/2025	\$75.00	Expired Tabs			Appeal
▼ 72053068		5/9/2025	\$50.00	No Proof of Payment			Appeal
			Amount Due = \$5,775.00				

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Common Issues

License & Vehicle Identification Numbers

- No License Plate



- Obscured VIN



- Defaced VIN



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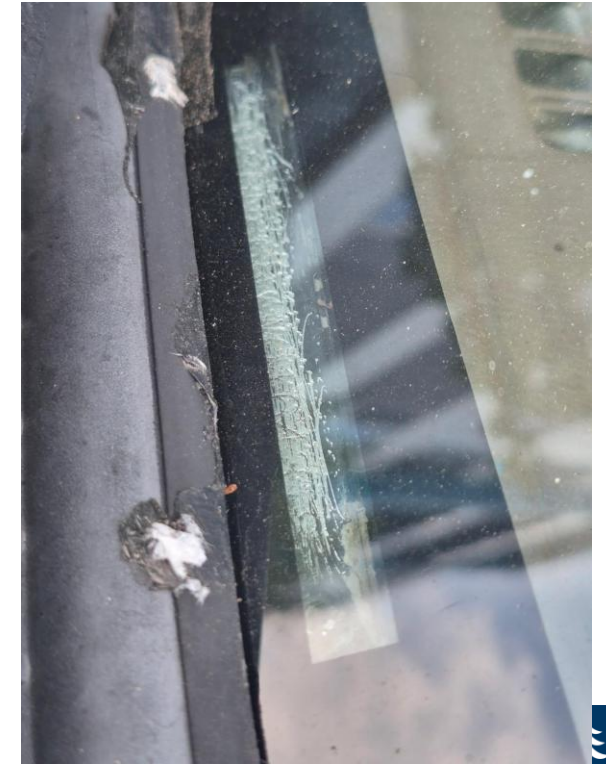
- Dealer Plate



- Covered VIN



- Defaced VIN



Scofflaw Program

Current Authority

- RCW 46.16A.120
 - Prohibits vehicle registration in **Washington only** if there are any outstanding standing, stopping, and parking violations.
- RCW 46.55.113
 - Allows impound of a vehicle with registration expired by 45 days or more.
- VMC 19.13.080
 - “Subject to other monetary penalties provided by law including, but not limited to, referral to a collection agency.”
- No additional enforcement options are available to address delinquent fines associated with out-of-state or no-plate vehicles. These vehicles account for 47% of all unpaid fines.



Scofflaw Program

The lack of a scofflaw program allows a small group to abuse system

- Provides accountability for vehicles with multiple parking infractions.
- Creates equitable enforcement options for in-state and out-of-state repeat offenders.
- Improves compliance with on-street parking regulations.
- Reduces the current number of delinquent or scofflaw vehicles.
- Reduces the number of boots and tows required after the first year by increasing payment compliance.
- Harmonizes off-street and on-street authority.



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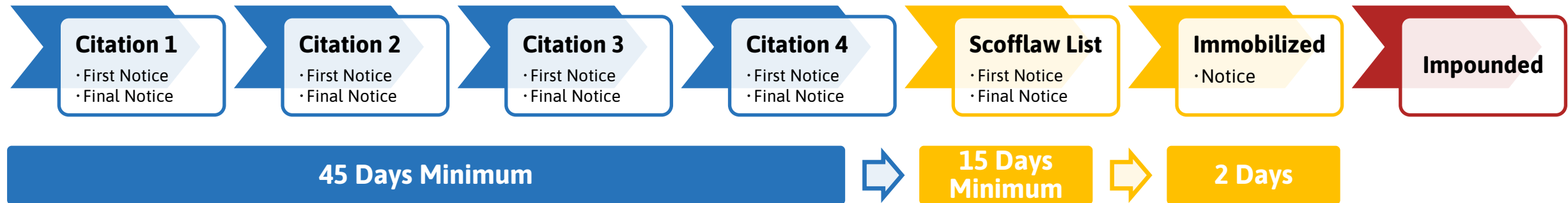
Comparison Cities

City	Scofflaw Threshold	Payment Plan	Towing Threshold
Vancouver (Proposed)	4 unpaid citations (45 days after issuance)	Yes	48 Hours
Seattle	4 unpaid citations (45 days after issuance)	Yes	48 Hours
Spokane	4 unpaid citations (45 days after issuance)	Yes	48 Hours
Olympia	3 unpaid citations (60 days after issuance)	No	48 Hours
Portland	Fees totaling \$500 or 6 unpaid citations (30 days after issuance)	Yes	36 Hours



Scofflaw Program

Notifications and Workflow



- Minimum of 15 notices and 62 days prior to impound.
- Appeal and payment plans available at every step.



Next Steps

- Council Workshop Sep 14
- Consent Agenda Oct 5
- Public Hearing Oct 12
- Program Setup Q1
- Public Outreach Q2-Q3
- Amnesty Program Q3
- Program in effect Q4

Questions?

