

March 21, 2014

City of St. Louis Treasurer's Office
1200 Market Street, City Hall, Room 220
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2874

Custodian of Records,

This letter is a request for copies of public records under the Missouri Sunshine Law. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 610 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, we request that you provide copies of records in the possession of the city's Treasurer's Office regarding the booting of vehicles and the towing of booted vehicles.

The information we request includes, but is not limited to:

1. The number of number of vehicles booted by city employees in the past 18 months.
2. The location of the vehicles when they were booted.
3. The time and date on which such vehicles were booted.
4. The number of times the vehicles were towed after being booted. ? -
5. The locations to where the vehicles were towed.
6. The department, agency or business responsible for each towing.
7. Any records related to the process of determining when and where the boots were to be placed. —
8. Any complaints filed in the past 18 months against the Parking Violations Bureau, Towing Division, parking enforcement officers or the Treasurer's Office regarding booting or towing.

If any or part of this request is denied, please send a letter listing the specific exemptions upon which you rely for each denial and provide the contact information for the official to whom we may appeal. Mo. Rev. Stat. 610.023.4. This request must "be acted upon as soon as possible, but in no event later than the end of the third business day following the date the request is received." Mo. Rev. Stat. 610.023.3.

We remind you that pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. 610.024.1, exemptions do not offer blanket exemption to entire records or emails. "If a public record contains material which is not exempt from disclosure as well as material which is exempt from disclosure, the public governmental body shall separate the exempt and nonexempt material and make the nonexempt material available for examination and copying."

A public governmental body keeping its records in an electronic format is strongly encouraged to provide access to its public records to members of the public in an electronic format. A public governmental body is strongly encouraged to make information available in usable electronic formats to the greatest extent feasible. Mo. Rev. Stat. 610.029. 1.

Because this records request is being submitted in the public interest and "is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operation or activities" of your department, we ask that you waive any fees or charge a substantially reduced fee pursuant to Mo. Rev. Stat. 610.026.1(1). However, should you decline to waive or reduce fees, proceed without further approval if the cost does not exceed \$100.00 and send an invoice with the records. If the cost will exceed \$100.00, please inform us of the cost in advance.

All correspondence regarding this request should be sent to Joseph Leahy. He can be reached at (314) 516-6553 or jleahy@stlpublicradio.org. If you would prefer to fax the requested documents, you may do so at (314) 516-5993.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Sunshine Law request

1 message

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Mon, Apr 14, 2014 at 11:52 AM

To: "Leahy, Joseph Michael" <LeahyJM@umsl.edu>

Bcc: Deborah Johnson <johnsonde@stlouis-mo.gov>

Mr. Leahy- We are able to provide you a report containing the following data:

1. Date, location of booted vehicle and whether the vehicle was towed
2. Booting revenues for 2013

The cost to provide this information is \$240.00. This is charged by our vendor for every request that is made.

This would be in response to requests #1, #2 and #3. If you would like the actual time of the boot, this would increase the costs substantially because a clerk would have to manually extract this information from the actual paperwork completed at the time of the booting.

In response to #8, I am able to produce records from our booting vendor, Gateway Parking, from February 2013 to the present for a minimal cost. If you would like earlier information, this would substantially increase the cost.

Our ticket processing center, Parking Violations Bureau, does receive complaints after a booting, however, the complaints received are against the underlying parking tickets usually. These complaints are tracked in a notes section in the processing software. A report cannot be ran so if you want this information, a clerk would have to manually pull each ticket up on the screen and print out the notes, this would substantially increase the cost.

Parking Violations Bureau will refer an actual complaint about the boot or tow to Gateway Parking (our vendor) and City Tow. City Tow is under the Streets Department and can be contacted at 383-7546.

In response to your request for booting and towing revenues for 2013, I am able to produce the booting revenues for no additional costs. You will need to contact City Tow for towing revenues.

Upon receipt of payment of \$240.00, we will begin to immediately compile the data as outlined above.

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