**Notes on Limitations – Parking Enforcement Response to P187663-062724**

**I am requesting access to data on all public and private impoundments of unauthorized vehicles that have occurred in the City of Seattle between January 1, 2014 and June 1, 2024.**

* **Electronic impound records at Parking Enforcement begin Feb 2014.** 
  + **Impound records are requested impounds and is an indicator that impound paperwork was completed. This is not confirmation an impound occurred. Parking Enforcement does not have records that confirm the impound occurred.**
  + **Electronic impound records at Parking Enforcement are a result of manual data entry and entries into this system are not an automated process like the citation issuance software.**
  + **In the event the manual transcription of the citation number does not match a record in the electronic citation database, no citation related records are available.**
* **Electronic citation records are available beginning April 28, 2015.**
  + **No additional information against impound records is available until the electronic citation records begin.**
* **Approximately 11% of electronic impound records have no matching electronic citation record. This includes the period between February 2014 and April 2015 where no electronic citation records are available and likely data entry errors that occurred during the data entry process between April 2015 and May 31, 2024.**

**Please provide associated non-personally identifiable data, including but not limited to the following information:**

1. **Violation notice dates.**
   1. **For impound request records with a match on recorded citation number, citation creation date is provided.**
2. **Towing/impoundment dates.**
   1. **The date entered from the impound request form into the electronic record of impound requests is provided.**
3. **Location of infraction.**
   1. **For impound request records with a match on recorded citation number, the address as recorded by the PEO is included.**
      1. **The electronic citation system has the civic (block number), prefix, street name, and suffix but does not include the street type indicator (street, avenue, place, etc.).**
4. **Geographic information of the infraction site in latitude and longitude (if available);**
   1. **For impound request records with a match on recorded citation number, the Lat/Long as recorded by the citation issuing system will be included.**
5. **Designation as private or public impoundment.**
   1. **This is not a designation made separately by the issuing PEO. The only impoundments that a PEO can start from private property are for disabled parking violations.**
6. **Right-of-way designation.**
   1. **This is not a designation made separately by the issuing PEO. The only impoundments that a PEO can start from private property are for disabled parking violations.**
7. **Party requesting the impound (i.e., law enforcement officer, authorized regional transit authority representative, public official, or private party);** 
   1. **All impound records at Parking Enforcement will be generated from the Parking Enforcement Unit (Officer Unit = PEO). The value of PEO will be provided for those impound request records with a match on the recorded citation number.**
8. **Vehicle type (i.e., recreational vehicle).**
   1. **For impound request records with a match on recorded citation number, the vehicle Make, Model (Style), and Color as recorded by the PEO will be included.**
9. **Storage location.**
   1. **Parking Enforcement does not have any records with vehicle storage location.**
10. **Designation as junk vehicle.**
    1. **Parking Enforcement will provide the SMC used to cite the vehicle. If 11.72.500 is used, that would indicate the PEO used the SMC 11.72.500 Junk Vehicles to cite and impound the vehicle.**
11. **Designation as abandoned vehicle.**
    1. **Parking Enforcement will provide the SMC used to cite the vehicle. If 11.72.440 Seventy-Two Hours is used, those vehicles in violation of the Seventy-Two Hours ordinance are commonly called “abandoned vehicles.”**
12. **Date of sale/auction of abandoned vehicle (if applicable).** 
    1. **Parking Enforcement does not have any records with vehicle sales or auctions.**
13. **Sale price.**
    1. **Parking Enforcement does not have any records with vehicle sales or sale prices.**
14. **Date when owner recovered vehicle (if applicable).**
    1. **Parking Enforcement does not have any records of the date any vehicle was recovered.**
15. **Any legal action (i.e., citations/fines) with related violation code(s).**
    1. **Parking Enforcement records are record of a parking infraction and impound request, and Parking Enforcement does not maintain any records of any additional costs/penalties (late fees, storage fees, or other potential penalties).**
    2. **For impound request records with a match on recorded citation number, the SMC and “base penalty amount” will be included.**