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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ELIMINATION OF TOWING AND STORAGE FEES FOR
IMPOUNDED STOLEN VEHICLES**

CHICAGO – City Council today approved an ordinance amendment that eliminates towing and storage fees assessed for impounded stolen vehicles. Prior to this amendment, the City was required by ordinance to charge towing and storage fees to the vehicle owner when their stolen vehicle was towed and impounded.

"By allowing the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Streets and Sanitation to return stolen vehicles free of charge, we will help ease some of the pain experienced by victims of a carjacking or a stolen vehicle," said Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. "The amendment passed by City Council today was truly a necessary step to reduce the impact of crime for our residents—helping to ensure they face no barriers in the process of getting their possessions returned to them."

The Chicago Police Department and the Department of Streets and Sanitation are ready with a new process to release stolen vehicles to their owners in alignment with this proposed amendment.

"Victims of carjackings and stolen vehicles should not have to worry about paying for their eventually recovered vehicles," said Alderman Chris Taliaferro, 29th Ward. "Thanks to Mayor Lightfoot and my fellow City Council members for shepherding this and acknowledging the need for relief after traumatic experiences."

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