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30 DAY GRACE PERIOD TO END ON APRIL 7, 2016
BOOTING OF VEHICLES TO BEGIN ON APRIL 8, 2016

April 1, 2016—Olean--At their March 8, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Olean Common Council unanimously voted to give the Olean Chief of Police the power to remove, immobilize and store vehicles that have numerous outstanding parking violations.

This new ordinance that allows the Olean Police Department to “boot” vehicles was effective immediately. However, the City of Olean gave residents a 30-day grace period to pay fines before booting commenced. The 30-day grace period ends on April 7, 2016.

“I want to repeat, the City does not want to punish our residents,” Mayor William J. Aiello said. “However, we have a number of outstanding tickets and our job is to make sure that these violations are paid.”

Mayor Aiello added, “We established the grace period to give residents the chance to pay their tickets before dealing with the aggravation and the further expense of immobilization. We anticipated that the majority of the violations would be paid during the 30-day period, but as of today, that does not seem to be the case.”

“I’d like to urge residents to follow-up and confirm that they do not have outstanding parking violations,” Mayor Aiello continued. “And to help with this, the City will publish, on the City’s Website, a list of car owners with an outstanding ticket balance. In order to spare embarrassment, we will not, at this time, publish the number of tickets, or the dollar amount. The list will go live on April 8, 2016.”

Tickets can be paid in the City Clerk’s Office in the Municipal Building. If residents have any questions regarding their tickets, please call Christine Sherlock at 376-5674. The City’s website is www.cityofolean.org.

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