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Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Encourages City of Yonkers to Issue a Moratorium Suspending On-Street Meter Parking Enforcement for Duration of COVID-19 Outbreak, and Retroactively Dismiss Parking Violations

Yonkers Assemblyman Wants A Moratorium On Parking Tickets

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Assemblyman Nader J. Sayegh (D-Yonkers) is encouraging the City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Parking Authority to suspend on-street meter parking enforcement for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak.

“The City of Yonkers already makes accommodations for residents who have to park their vehicles overnight under the presumption that

they’re home,” said Assemblyman Sayegh.

“Now more than ever, Yonkers residents are staying home to help flatten the curve. Suspending parking enforcement for the duration of this outbreak is an extension of long-standing courtesy that has always been made to our residents. More importantly, it’s the right thing to do.”

Assemblyman Sayegh noted that many other major cities in New York State have also suspended on-street meter parking enforcement including Syracuse, Rochester, and Albany.

Other cities in Westchester that have also suspended their enforcement include New Rochelle and Mount Vernon.

“We’re hearing from constituents who are trying to be responsible citizens and do the right thing but unfortunately being penalized for it,” said

Assemblyman Sayegh.

“One essential worker reached out to my office after they parked in the vicinity of St. Joseph’s Medical Center to get tested for COVID-19, only to return to a parking violation on their windshield. Some things are more important than revenue, this is one of them.”

Assemblyman Sayegh also urged the City of Yonkers to retroactively dismiss tickets which were issued from the beginning of Governor Cuomo’s PAUSE Executive Order on March 20th, 2020.

“During this unprecedented crisis, we should be coming together to do everything in our power to make the lives of all residents easier.

In a time of sudden economic insecurity, social isolation, and great anxiety, this is one less concern our residents should have to think about.”