



***VISITOR'S GUIDE TO BEATING
NYC PARKING TICKETS***

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I willkommen, bienvenue, welcome you to the city that never sleeps. Do you know why? Because parking ticket warriors are too busy (24/7) issuing NYC parking tickets to unsuspecting members of the driving community visiting New York City.

There are wonderful people from all over the world falling prey every minute to indecipherable parking signs, and voracious bus stop zones (do you know where a bus stop ends?).

How many parking tickets can a parking ticket warrior issue during the course of a day for the same parking violation while your car is parked in the same space? (See Top 10 Tips #10)

In 2011 approximately 9.5M parking tickets were issued generating more than \$570M in revenue. Many of the parking tickets were justified. But, many were scandalous and beatable.

There is a veritable plethora of parking violations, 99 in all, ranging from a simple \$35 parking ticket for an expired meter violation all the way up to a \$180 for parking an unauthorized vehicle in a handicap parking zone. There are legal “curb cuts” and illegal “curb cuts.” What’s the difference? Can you stop temporarily to drop off a passenger in a no standing zone? What activities can you perform in a no parking zone?

Our mantra at New York Parking Ticket LLC is “When you’re right, FIGHT” and “Knowledge is Power.” Hold on to your wallet and get ready for a wild ride. You will be well served to consume this “Visitor’s Guide to Beating NYC Parking Tickets” before you attempt to navigate and park on the mean streets of New York City.

Enjoy our wonderful city and park safely.

Regards,

Larry



1. You are prohibited from parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
2. **EXCEPTION:** You are permitted to park your passenger vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant between sunrise and sunset, as long as a licensed driver, remains seated behind the wheel, with the keys, ready to move, upon request to do so
3. A bus stop zone starts at the bus stop sign and extends in the direction of the arrow (s) until the next parking sign, or the end of a block. The length of a bus stop varies on every block
4. You can stop temporarily to drop off or pick up a passenger in a no standing zone.
5. You can stop temporarily to drop off or pick up a passenger and property in a no parking zone
6. You can park in front of a curb cut located in the middle of the block, as long as there are no marked crosswalks, traffic control devices, or stop signs regulating traffic
7. A parking ticket judge is required to dismiss a parking ticket issued while you were walking to and fro a muni meter to pay for parking (you've got 5 minutes from the time your parking ticket is issued to purchase parking time at the muni meter)
8. It is illegal to double park on the unrestricted side of the street during street cleaning hours (despite the custom in many neighborhoods for cops and warriors to look the other way until

they decide not to look the other way.

9. A parking ticket warrior is prohibited from issuing a parking ticket within 5 minutes of a rule change (this is called the “5 minute grace period.” For example, if a street cleaning sign prohibits parking from 9-10:30 a.m., a cop or warrior is prohibited from issuing a parking ticket until 9:06 a.m.).

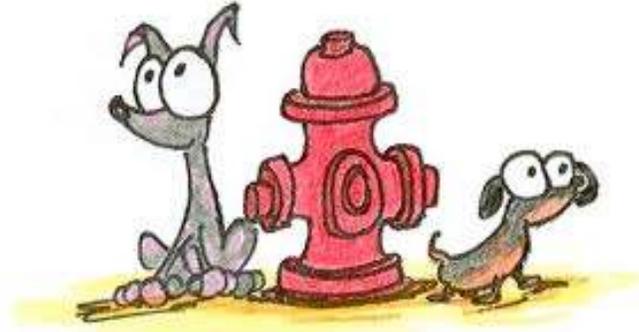
10. It is customary for the Evil Empire (NYC Department of Finance) to dismiss subsequent “location” parking tickets issued for the same violation while your vehicle is parked in the same space within 1-3 hours of the first parking ticket; and to dismiss subsequent “status” parking tickets issued for the same “status” violation while parked anywhere in NYC within 24 hours of the first parking ticket (location violations are no parking, no stopping, no standing, etc....While status violations are expired registration, expired inspection sticker, etc.)

BONUS TIP:

All NYC is a tow away zone. No notice is required. Your chariot can be towed when issued one parking ticket.

BONUS TIP:

The more restrictive parking rule applies when there are more than one parking sign regulating your parking space. No trumps yes.



The Rule: Stopping, standing, or parking closer than 15 feet from a fire hydrant is prohibited

The Exception:

- Between sunrise and sunset
- A passenger vehicle
- May stand alongside (or within 15 feet) of a fire hydrant
- As long as a driver remains behind the wheel
- And is ready to move the vehicle if required to do so

Tips

- You can park within 15 feet of a **broken** fire hydrant, if...I was asked a question by Italia, a terrific friend of New York Parking Ticket LL, whether she should fight a fire hydrant parking ticket; if the fire hydrant was broken. My response was YES; if you can prove the fire hydrant was in fact out of service.

Fast-forward...Italia sent me an email with great news about the outcome of her NYC parking ticket fight. She won because her photograph of the fire hydrant clearly, unequivocally, without a shadow of a doubt, persuaded the NYC parking ticket judge the pump was not pumping. Parking Ticket dismissed!

Copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<http://www.newyorkparkingticket.com/Blog/bid/65407/TheT>

“Truth-about-Broken-NYC-Fire-Hydrants-Parking-Tickets”



The Rule: "No person shall stand or park a vehicle other than an authorized bus in its assigned bus stop when any such stop has been officially designated and appropriately posted except that the operator of a vehicle may temporarily stand therein for the purpose of expeditiously receiving and discharging passengers provided such standing does not interfere with any bus about to enter or leave such zone."

A bus stop zone begins at the bus stop sign and extends in the direction of the arrow(s) until the next parking sign; or if no parking sign, the end of the block.

It matters NOT that you parked far enough away from the bus stop sign for a bus to fit; or other people parked in the bus stop zone, and didn't get a ticket.

Find the bus stop sign, identify the direction(s) the arrow points; and locate the next parking sign in the direction of the arrow, or if no parking sign, the end of the block.

Tip:

Since a bus stop violation is a NO STANDING violation, you cannot unload your property to the curb (A client of ours received a parking ticket for exiting a car in a bus stop zone holding her business briefcase, which the warrior considered to be unloading property to the curb...absurd).

The Reality

A parking ticket warrior observes your car stopped for ten (10) seconds in a bus stop zone, while unloading a passenger (a perfectly legal activity), but still issues a NYC parking ticket. This means a parking ticket warrior swears he/she observed you standing too long in a bus stop zone; or discharging your passenger in an inefficient manner; or blocking a bus. How are you going to rebut this "sworn testimony?"

The reality is you can't.

I represented a father who picked up his daughter at the train station from school every day. The father and daughter stayed in touch by cell phone. The father parked his car two blocks from the train station; and when his daughter was walking down the staircase from the train platform, she called her father on her cell phone. Her father drove the two blocks and picked his daughter up at the curb. The entire process, from Dad's arrival at the curb with his daughter standing by the curb, through the daughter entering the car took less than one minute. Problem was the father stopped to pick-up his daughter in a bus stop zone. BADABING! Parking ticket.

We submitted affidavits and photographs. We lost at the original hearing, and lost the appeal. My point is trying your absolute best to avoid standing in a bus stop zone. You can beat the parking ticket if you persuade a judge the warrior lied about the length of your stop...I've beaten bus stop parking tickets, but it is not an easy trick.



Required Elements are like get-out-of-jail-free-cards. A parking ticket warrior is required to enter certain bite size bits of information on the front of your parking ticket to establish a case against you. If a required element is omitted, misdescribed, or illegible you win upon application and presenting the proper proof, properly.

For example, if the body type of your vehicle is misdescribed (sedan vs. suburban) and you submit a copy of your vehicle registration and photographs when you fight your parking ticket by mail, a judge will dismiss your parking ticket. [Larry's note: A warrior is required to enter the exact body type that appears on the vehicle registration for vehicles registered in NY. But, for out-of-state vehicles a warrior is simply required to enter a "reasonably accurate" description of the body type.

The following is an image of a NYC parking ticket with red arrows pointing to the "required elements."





Understanding the 3 No's is absolutely essential for pain-free parking in New York City. Here's the trick, don't make up your own definition of stopping, standing and parking. I promise you it will not match the tricky and deceiving definition created by the Evil Empire.

The act of stopping your vehicle, standing your vehicle, and parking your vehicle is the same; it is halting your chariot for a split second whether occupied or not.

O.K. wise guy, if stopping, standing, and parking mean the same thing (halting your chariot for a split second whether occupied or not), why did the Evil Empire use all three words?

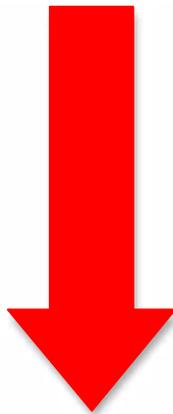
Great question. The activities you permitted to perform in each zone (stopping, standing, and parking zones) are different.

For example:

- **In a no stopping zone**, you cannot halt your vehicle for a NY minute, whether or not you remain seated in your car behind the wheel. Never, ever, stop in a no stopping zone, not even to sneeze, talk on your cell phone, change your baby's diapers (true story), or ask for directions. It'll cost you
- **In a no standing zone**, you are permitted to stop temporarily to drop off or pick up a passenger, but you cannot pick up a passenger and property in a no standing zone. In other words, you can't drop your spouse with the groceries in a no standing zone. You cannot wait for your 1 year-old child to walk into the hotel.
- **In a no parking zone**, you are permitted to stop temporarily to drop off or pick up passengers and property. You cannot wait for your 102 year-old aunt Tillie to walk into the hotel. Stop, drop, and go. If you stop, drop, and wait, you're inviting a warrior to issue a NYC parking ticket.

TIPS

- When you see your first three-headed monster on a gotcha pole, the more restrictive rules wins the battle of the signs.





The more restrictive red sign overrules the less restrictive white sign

You may find it helpful to take a moment of your valuable time to check out a power point presentation I published about how to understand NYC parking sign language.

Copy and paste the URL of the slideshow in your browser:

<http://www.slideshare.net/lberezin/your-essential-guide-to-nyc-parking-signs>

“The Essential Guide to NYC Parking Signs”



Love and marriage, and alternate side parking rules for street cleaning and NYC go together like a horse and carriage. You'll find these signs everywhere.

NYC requires you to move your car to the other side of the street during certain hours on certain days of the week. Easy? No way!

Why not? Because you have to find a vacant parking space to temporarily park your car until the end of street cleaning hours.

Myths Debunked:

- In my neighborhood it is legal to double-park on the unrestricted side of the street. **NO**
- It's O.K. to sit in my car and move it when I see the street sweeper coming down our block, and then park it on the restricted side of the street once the street sweeper pass. **NO**

It is customary in many neighborhoods for cops and warriors to turn the other cheek...until parking ticket quota time. And then you'll get a parking ticket, or worse, your chariot will be towed.



NYC is slowly but surely replacing mechanical parking meters with muni meters. Here's a link to a page on the NYC Department of Transportation website dedicated to how to park and pay at muni meters. Please copy and paste the URL into your Browser

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/meterpark.shtml>

The NYC council recently enacted legislation eliminating some of the harsh enforcement tactics employed by cops and warriors issuing muni meter parking tickets.

Here's a reprint of a blog post about the wonderful new muni meter bills

More good parking laws mean fewer NYC parking tickets

I am still receiving questions from some of the wonderful members of the NYC driving community about how to fight a NYC parking ticket for "failure to display" a muni-meter receipt.

So, I thought it might be helpful to review the status of the three muni-meter laws recently considered by the NYC Council.

Canceling a parking ticket upon a showing of valid muni-meter receipt to a warrior

Status: This Bill was passed by the NYC Council, vetoed by Mayor Bloomberg, enacted into law overriding the Mayor's veto; and is scheduled to go into effect 180 days from March 28, 2012. [Larry's note: effective date is September 24, 2012]. Yea!

The law provides in pertinent part:

"Any agent who issues a notice of violation by electronic means for failure to pay the metered fare shall cancel such notice of violation when, not later than five minutes after the issuance of such notice, such agent is shown a valid muni-meter receipt with an official start time stamp and such start time is no later than five minutes after the time of the issuance of such notice.

The electronic copy of such canceled notice shall be marked "valid muni-meter receipt shown; ticket canceled" and shall include the number of such muni-meter receipt shown. The electronic system used by the agent to issue such notice shall be programmed to prohibit such notice from being canceled later than five minutes after the issuance of such notice."

Parking violations issued for failure to display a muni-meter receipt

Status: This Bill was passed by the NYC Council, approved by Mayor Bloomberg, enacted into law on March 7, 2012; and is effective immediately. Double yea!!

The law provides in pertinent part:

"Notwithstanding any rule or regulation to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of the vehicle and traffic law, where a notice of violation was issued to an owner or operator of a

vehicle for the failure to display a muni-meter receipt, it shall be an affirmative defense to such violation that such owner or operator purchased parking time for the time such notice of violation was issued or up to five minutes thereafter from a muni-meter dispensing timed receipts valid for use at the location such notice of violation was issued.

Evidence of the affirmative defense shall be the presentation, in person or by mail, of a valid muni-meter receipt [with an official start time stamp and such start time is no later than] for the time such notice of violation was issued or for up to five minutes [after the time of the issuance of such notice,] thereafter or other suitable evidence as determined by the hearing officer that such [a receipt] parking time was purchased [, shall be an affirmative defense to such a violation]."

An affirmative defense means the burden of proof is on you and I to present the proper proof, properly.

Allowing for transfer of muni-meter time

Status: This Bill was passed by the NYC Council, approved by Mayor Bloomberg, and enacted into law (Mayor's desk for signature). Yea x 3!

This law codified the "alleged" practice of the PVB leadership to permit judges to dismiss all illegal parking tickets improperly issued for transferring muni-meter time from one parking space to another parking space, with certain provisos.

Commentary

I love these three new laws. One law providing relief for our driving community is good...Two such laws are gooder...While three laws are the goodest!

What are you going to do with all the money you save?

Is it a pedestrian ramp or a legal curb cut?

Copy and paste this URL into your Browser

<http://www.newyorkparkingticket.com/Blog/bid/33299/New-York-Parking-Ticket-s-First-Movie>

I received the following comment on Larry's Blog:

"Hi Larry,

Before I tell my story, I would like to thank you for these very useful information.

My sister, who is living in CA, and I went to visit NYC this thanksgiving and got TWO parking tickets at the same location as the photo you shown above! (175 Claremont Ave, right?) The reason: blocking pedestrian ramp....

I even saw policemen put ticket on my car. I tried to beg off the second ticket, but it does not work. Also, they seemed very sure that I parked at a wrong location! However, at that time, I did not know it is legal.

I guessed that they either do not know the new rule or they just thought I am from another state (I am living in Boston) and may pay the ticket to avoid trouble.

***I am glad my friend told me your website before I pay the ticket. Now, I know I can save that \$330.
(But our trip was basically ruined after this event that is not money can buy back....)***

Posted @ Saturday, December 04, 2010 2:16 PM by Hank"

Screen captures showing the legal curb cut



I am pivoting to the opposite side of Claremont with overlapping images to show the Claremont Street sign, and the fact it is the "major" street of the "T" intersection with La Salle Street



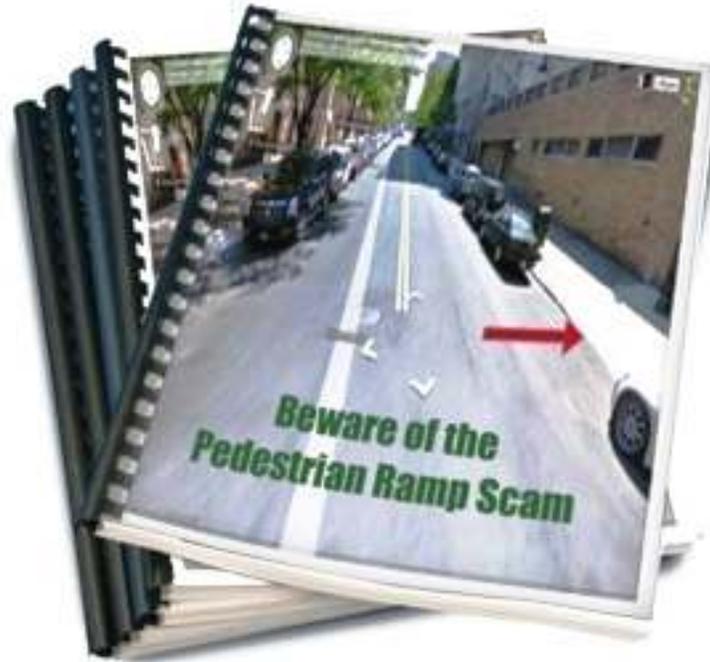
**[Larry's Update on 2-25-11: WE WON THE APPEAL...yea!
Parking ticket was dismissed]**

Commentary



"Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the pedestrian ramp, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the rogue Parking Ticket Warrior, and shun
The illegal NYC parking ticket"



You are welcome to a FREE download of an appeal New York Parking Ticket LLC prepared for a client, including a statement of the reasons to overturn the decision of the original judge, and a complete package of screen captures illustrating the pedestrian ramp is "legal." Copy and paste this link to obtain a Free Download

http://www.newyorkparkingticket.com/dont-let-this-legal-pedestrian-ramp-hurt-you/Default.aspx?utm_campaign=FREE-Download-of-Appeal-&utm_source=Blog%20post

Resources

- New York Parking Ticket Website

<http://www.newyorkparkingticket.com>

- Matthew Weiss, Esquire of Weiss and Associates, P.C.: A wonderful friend and colleague who knows everything about fighting NYC traffic tickets

<http://www.nytrafficticket.com/?hsCtaTracking=d205847b-98ac-46e2-b1ae-7bcd477f9ef7|d541bd72-2a1f-4be1-8e45-6f041b605532>

- Margot Tohn from PARK IT! GUIDES: A super guru on the subject of garage parking in NYC. She will save you beaucoup d'argent and help you find the best off-street parking at the right prices

<http://parkitnyc.com/nyc-monthly-parking/?hsCtaTracking=ea387e51-1eb1-435b-a98d-763327301248|b5850aea-e3aa-4865-a556-c8ab59506107>



“When you’re right-FIGHT!”