

City Incredulously Defending Unfair Parking Tax

Something definitely smells here. It looks like our city government where folks on the inside like to talk a good game about “transparency” objects to a proposal advanced by Bronx Council Member Jimmy Vacca – a former Community Board District Manager – to require photographs most parking infractions. This picture record would certainly reduce ridiculous tickets unfairly written that stick the recipient with an almost impossible to challenge violation for extending into a crosswalk. When revenue – rather than compliance – becomes the goal of parking enforcement, it suggests a strong need to re-thing the regulations. Please share your comments.

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NYPD'S '\$SNAP' JUDGMENT

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NYPD is fighting a bill that would force traffic agents to include photographs with most parking summonses because eliminating "frivolous" tickets would hurt the city's revenue stream, City Council members charged yesterday at a heated meeting.

"It was clear to me that most of the resistance to this has to do with not wanting to cut the revenue that it produces," bill co-sponsor Simcha Felder (D-Brooklyn) said after a heated hearing at City Hall. Snapping violations would halt bogus tickets, the cops said.

"My bill would decrease unreasonable, inappropriate and frivolous tickets," said bill sponsor James Vacca (D-Bronx).

NYPD brass said camera-equipped ticket-writing machines cost too much.

The NYPD put the cost at \$60 million over seven years, though Vacca said it would be more like \$25 million.