

Supervisor Romaine Announces Parking Violations Amnesty Program Starting April 15 Projected to Collect Over \$300,000 in 30 Days

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Farmingville, NY - At the April 2 Town Board Meeting, Supervisor Ed Romaine's resolution to establish a Parking Violations Amnesty Program was unanimously adopted by the Town Board. The program, which will run from April 15 through May 31, allows for a 40% discount on all overdue or outstanding parking violations that are paid during this time. Currently, over 1500 parking violation cases are backlogged in the Town's court system and there are over \$2.7 million in outstanding fines owed to the Town. The Supervisor has projected that the program will bring in approximately \$300,000 in 30 days. The collected funds will go into the Town's B fund. Those who have been issued summonses after January 1, 2013 are not eligible for the discount.

"This program will ease the back log of pending cases and give people the opportunity to pay the Town at a substantial discount and clear up their debt without the need for a hearing," said Supervisor Romaine, "We have hired a firm to collect outstanding fines and they will aggressively pursue those who still owe us money once the amnesty program is over. I urge anyone who has not paid their fines to do so as soon as possible and take advantage of the discount."

The Parking Violations Bureau is responsible for processing the citations issued by the Town's Code Enforcement personnel, Fire Marshals, Suffolk County Police, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, Railroad Police and Brookhaven Town Bay Constables. Tickets can be issued for a variety of reasons, including such violations as unauthorized parking in handicapped parking spots or parking illegally in fire zones. The Town has also established a Traffic Court that meets to adjudicate summonses that are challenged.

For more information about the Town's Parking Violations Amnesty program, call 451-TOWN (8696).

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