

New Bedford Announces Holiday Parking Program

2 hours of free parking in downtown garages and at North End meters along Acushnet Avenue, effective Monday, Nov. 29 – Friday, Dec. 31

The City is reviving its Holiday Parking Program this year to encourage holiday shopping, dining, and retail activity in New Bedford's downtown and North End business district through December.

The Holiday Parking Program takes effect Monday, Nov. 29, and offers two hours of free parking at both the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage downtown, along with two hours of free parking at meters along Acushnet Avenue in the North End.

The program is effective through Friday, Dec. 31. In addition to the free hours, people will be able to have tickets forgiven with same-day sales receipts. Anyone parked in either of the downtown garages or at a meter in the Acushnet Avenue business district, who receives a ticket as a result of parking longer than the two free hours, can have the ticket forgiven by presenting a same-day sales receipt from a downtown or North End merchant or restaurant.

The receipt must be for spending at least \$10 and must be presented or mailed to the Traffic Commission office in the Elm Street Garage within three weeks (21 days) of receiving the ticket. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same-day receipt.

The Traffic Commission office is located at 51 Elm St. and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission office at 508-961-3153.