

# OPINION: "City of New Bedford is extorting us and did nothing but violate my rights and degrade me!"

"I went to 51 Elm Street where you pay your parking ticket and was denied their service due to my payment method.

I was using quarters to pay for a \$25 dollar ticket. They pointed to a sign that said they could only take a limited amount of coins. I had called before I went and was told "There was no exact limit to the coins I could use to pay."

According to the U.S. Treasury, Section 31 U.S.C 5103, and the Coinage Act of 1965 "U.S. coins and currency are legal tender for all debts, public charges, taxes, and dues."

The city is extorting their own civilians by issuing currency as a government and then turning around and not accepting that same form of payment that **THEY** issued.

Screw the city and the mayor's office who did nothing but violate my rights and degrade me. Laurie Elfonco with the customs and border protection who was on site was disrespectful, inconsiderate, a liar, and most of all should not work for such an agency when violating the rights of their civilians." -Tyler Hancock.