



CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

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PRESS RELEASE

The City of Decatur has announced a parking ticket amnesty payment program intended to allow violators of city parking regulations the ability to clear parking violations at ticket face value, avoiding and waiving late fees and penalties.

The Parking Ticket Amnesty Program is effective immediately and will end on April 30, 2020.

Letters will be sent to all individuals on record with outstanding and unpaid parking tickets by February 1, 2020. The letter will provide a listing of the outstanding parking ticket violations, including date of violation, original amount of the fine, late fees and penalties added, and the amnesty program payment offer, which, upon payment to the City, will fully satisfy the parking ticket violations due to the City.

During this amnesty period, the city will **not** boot or impound vehicles for delinquent parking tickets. Following the end of the amnesty program on April 30, 2020, commencing on May 1, 2020, the City will pursue payment for the full amount, including all late fees and penalties, and will resume the booting and impounding of vehicles with unpaid tickets. Delinquencies remaining on May 1, 2020 will be referred to City Administrative Court and / or remanded to the third-party collection agency of the City, and other enforcement actions available.

“This amnesty program provides a great opportunity for people with old unpaid parking tickets to get rid of this obligation at a substantially reduced cost”, said City Manager Scot Wrighton. “If people take advantage of the parking ticket amnesty program, it will reduce the city’s costs of enforcement and collection,” Wrighton continued; “the City Council decided to share the savings in this way.”

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