

Tear Up Your Tickets

New book provides for freer parking

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If you are buying a holiday gift for someone who owns a car in New York City, *The New York City Motorists' Parking Survival Guide* by "Parking Pal" Louis Camporeale is an ideal choice.

Last year in New York City, nearly nine million parking tickets were issued. That means that every car registered in the New York Metropolitan area received at least one ticket. Now there is a way to fight back.

The New York City Motorists' Parking Survival Guide is an up-to-date reference on little-known parking rules, parking ticket defenses and strategies to avoid parking tickets. It also shows readers how to deal with tickets effectively.

According to author Louis Camporeale, almost one-quarter of parking tickets are faulty — meaning they have some type of technical defect. These defects could result in an automatic

dismissal by a Parking Violations Bureau Administrative Law Judge — if the motorist knows how to point out the defects and defend themselves.

A few sample ticket defects for an Automatic Dismissal are:

1. No "time or date" of "First Observance for Meter Feeding."
2. Violation date missing, violation time indication and/or a.m. or p.m. missing.
3. No "In front of" or "Opposite" address or site-specific details given or location described as "Corner of."
4. Incorrect or missing: license plate type and/or number, car make and/or body type, state of registration, registration expiration date
5. If a.m. or p.m. and/or days and hours of restriction are not listed from regulation sign listed or "No" Parking, Standing, Stopping stated.

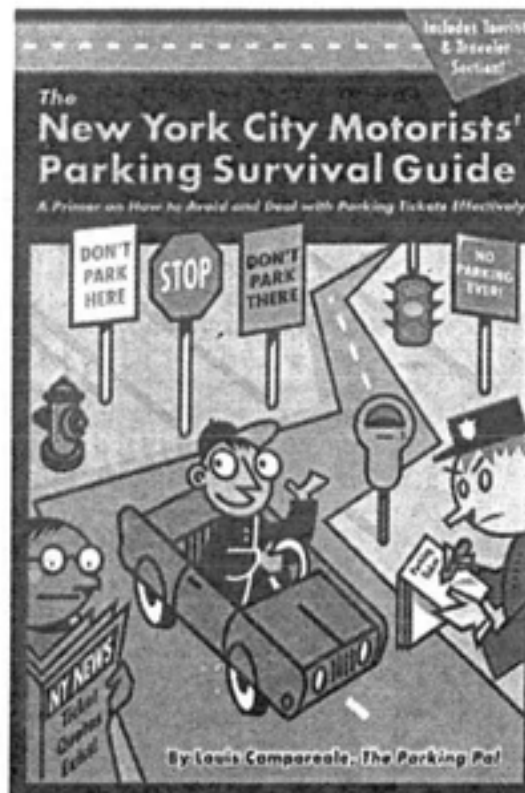
Of course there are more ticket defects that can get drivers off the hook and the book explains them in detail.

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Looking for a last minute holiday gift? Spare your friends and family the hassle of parking tickets with this new book.

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The New York City Motorists' Parking Survival Guide is available in bookstores or by mail. The book is \$11.95 plus shipping and handling. The address is the same as for the newsletter—only correspondence should be directed to Parking Pal Company Inc.

You can also visit Parking Pal on-line at www.parkingpal.com.

ing Survival Guide is broken down into sections to help the reader through the various aspects of parking peril. The book begins with a chapter called "Parking Rules Explained." This chapter goes into detail about understanding tickets, parking meters, street cleaning rules, and holidays. The following chapters are "Commercial Vehicles", "Towing", and "Tourists and Business Travelers Section". Lastly the book tells you how to defend yourself if you get a ticket and how to appeal decisions.

The philosophy behind Parking Pal Louis Camporeale is "Know your rights. Avoid parking tickets."

"I became interested in this while I was working as a paralegal," said Camporeale. "I noticed that many people were suing for broken parking meter tickets. So the light bulb went off in my head. I knew there were laws to support the case against broken parking meters. That's how this all got started."

In addition to *The New York City Motorists' Parking Survival Guide*, Camporeale also publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Motorist Education report." The report is free, just send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Parking-Pal Tips, PO Box 350-