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Many of us have experienced the frustration that comes along with being issued an unfair ticket, so I have put together this information to provide the necessary tools to avoid becoming a victim.

This step-by-step guide explains how to get a reduction in fines for a variety of tickets. I have also included a list of violations that are eligible for a fine reduction - nearly any violation that does not cause an unsafe situation is eligible.

STEPS TO GET A REDUCTION IN FINES

1. First and most important: request a hearing!

Whether you're guilty or not, *always request a hearing*, either online with the Department of Finance, in person, by mail or by telephone. The Department of Finance will automatically check to see if there were any factual mistakes in the issuance of your ticket - if there are, the ticket will be thrown out immediately.

2. Wait for the Department of Finance to respond in writing.

The Department of Finance will respond in writing. If your violation is eligible for a reduced fine, they will *automatically* offer you that reduction, which can amount to 30% off the original fine. If it is not eligible, you will be given a hearing date.

3. Plead guilty and pay the reduced fine.

If you were not offered a reduction, you can either attend the hearing and argue your case or, if you do not want to attend the hearing, change your mind, plead guilty and pay the original fine amount.

If you have any questions about this process, do not hesitate to give my office a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent J. Gentile".

Vincent J. Gentile
Council Member, 43rd District

Table 1 shows the settlement amounts for each violation code.

Table 1 – Settlement Amounts

Code	Description	Offense Type	Current Fine		Reduced Amounts	
			Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas	Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas
10	No Stopping	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
11	No Standing, except hotel loading	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
12	No Standing, snow emergency	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
13	No Standing, taxi stand	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
14	No Standing	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
16	No Standing, except trucks loading and unloading	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
17	No Standing except authorized vehicles	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
18	No Standing, bus lane	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
19	No Standing, bus stop	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
20	No Parking	No Parking	\$65	\$60	\$43	\$40
21	No Parking, street cleaning	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
22	No Parking, hotel loading	No Parking	\$65	\$60	\$43	\$40
23	No Parking, taxi stand	No Parking	\$65	\$60	\$43	\$40
24	No Parking, except authorized vehicles	No Parking	\$65	\$60	\$43	\$40
25	No Standing, commuter van stop	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
26	No Standing, except for-hire vehicles	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90

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			Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas	Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas
27	No Parking, except handicapped plates/permits	No Stopping	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180
28	Overtime Standing, diplomat	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
29	Failure to Activate Meter	No Standing	\$65	\$35	\$53	\$30
30	Failure to Activate/Expired Meter	No Standing	\$65	\$35	\$53	\$30
31	No Standing, commercial vehicle metered zone	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
32	Overtime Parking at Missing/Broken Meter	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
33	Feeding the Meter	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
34	Expired Meter	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
35	Selling/Offering Merchandise in Metered Space	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
36	Selling Merchandise-Off Street-Lot	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
37	Expired Muni Meter	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
38	Failure to Display Muni Meter Receipt	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
39	Overtime Parking, Time Limit Posted	No Parking	\$65	\$60	\$43	\$40
40	Fire Hydrant	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
42	Expired Muni Meter, Commercial Metered Zone	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26

Code	Description	Offense Type	Current Fine		Reduced Amounts	
			Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas	Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas
43	Expired Meter, Commercial Metered Zone	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
44	Parking in Excess of Posted Time Limit, Commercial Zone	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
45	Traffic Lane	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
46	Double Parking	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
47	Midtown Double Parking/Angle parking	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
48	Bike Lane	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
49	Excavation, vehicle obstructing traffic	No Stopping	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95
50	Crosswalk	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
51	Sidewalk	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
52	Intersection	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
53	Safety Zone	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
54	Tunnel/Elevated Roadway	No Stopping	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$25
55	Elevated/Divided Highway/Tunnel	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
56	Divided Highway	No Stopping	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115
57	Manhattan Blue Zone	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
58	Marginal Street/Water Front	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
59	Angle Parking - Commercial Vehicle	No Parking	\$115	\$115	\$70	\$70
60	Angle Parking	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32

Code	Description	Offense Type	Current Fine		Reduced Amounts	
			Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas	Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas
61	Wrong Way	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
62	Beyond Marked Space	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
63	Nighttime Standing or Parking in Park	No Parking	\$95	\$95	\$59	\$59
64	No Standing Except Delivery/Service	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
65	Overtime Standing-Delivery/Service	No Standing	\$95	\$45	\$75	\$38
66	Detached Trailer	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
67	Pedestrian Ramp	No Stopping	\$165	\$165	\$165	\$165
68	Non-Compliance with Posted Sign	No Standing	\$65	\$60	\$53	\$49
69	Failure to Display Muni Meter Receipt	No Parking	\$65	\$35	\$43	\$26
70	Registration Sticker Missing/Expired	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
71	Inspection Sticker Missing/Expired	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
72	Inspection Sticker Mutilated/Counterfeit	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
73	Registration Sticker Mutilated/Counterfeit	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
74	Missing or Improperly Displayed Plates	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
75	No Match-Plate/Sticker and/or Registration/Sticker	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
76	Vehicle Identification Obscured	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
77	Parked Bus	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32

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			Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas	Manhattan 96th Street & South	All Other Areas
78	Nighttime Commercial Vehicle Parking on Residential Street	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
79	Unauthorized Bus Layover	No Parking	\$115	\$115	\$70	\$70
80	Missing Equipment	No Parking	\$60	\$45	\$40	\$32
81	No Standing, Except Diplomat	No Standing	\$95	\$95	\$75	\$75
82	Unaltered Commercial Vehicle	No Parking	\$115	\$115	\$70	\$70
83	Improper Registration	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
84	Platform Lifts in Lowered Position	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
85	Storage-3 Hour Commercial	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
86	Midtown Standing/Parking -3 Hour Limit	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
89	No Standing Except Trucks/Vans w/ Commercial Plates	No Standing	\$115	\$115	\$90	\$90
91	Vehicle for Sale	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
92	Washing/Repairing Vehicle	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
93	Removing/Replacing Flat Tire, major roadway	No Parking	\$65	\$65	\$43	\$43
96	Railroad Crossing	No Stopping	\$95	\$95	\$95	\$95
97	Vacant Lot	No Parking	\$65	\$45	\$43	\$32
98	Obstructing Driveway	No Parking	\$95	\$95	\$59	\$59