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City of New Haven Implements New Street Sweeping Policy
Eliminating Towing to Save Residents Money

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today the City of New Haven announced that it has implemented a new street sweeping policy in an effort to save residents money and the hassle of being towed.

“We are always looking for ways to find efficiencies in the way we provide services to our residents,” stated New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker. “I have heard countless stories of residents walking outside in the morning only to find their car is gone and then spending much of the day trying to track down their car and pay exorbitant fees to towing companies just to get their car back. There is simply a better way for us to keep our streets clean and make life a bit easier for our residents. I’d prefer that residents not put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the towing companies. I want to thank the Department of Public Works and the Department of Traffic, Transportation, and Parking at the City for their forward-thinking on this matter and commitment to improving services for New Haven residents,” he concluded.

Previously the City would ticket and tow cars that were on the street sweeping route costing residents a minimum of \$139 (\$50 for the ticket and \$89 for the tow). Additionally, residents would be subjected to storage fees from the tow yard. Per the new program, the City will issue a \$100 ticket to those that fail to remove their vehicle from the street sweeping route, but the City will not have the vehicle towed. The street sweeper will simply go around the parked vehicle. The City assesses that the \$100 ticket is enough to incentivize residents to move their car, but will save the residents money because this fee is a reduction to the \$139+ that residents previously paid. Furthermore, residents who forget to move their cars will not have to go to the tow yard to find their vehicle.

The City estimates that residents have paid approximately \$2M annually to towing companies through a combination of the \$89 tow fee (totaling \$540k) and a total of \$1.5M in storage fees. It is estimated that the new program will save residents \$1.5M in total.

Street sweeping will be enforced on all sweeping routes in the Elm City. On a street sweeping day, residents are to remove their vehicle from the route from 7 AM to 3 PM that day. Unlike in previous years, the City will now be enforcing for street sweeping in every neighborhood of the City.

Street sweeping is beneficial to all neighborhoods in that it removes trash and leaf debris. It is also beneficial because it reduces the potential for storm drains to get clogged with debris, and it removes trash and oils from vehicles from the street. That trash and oils would end up in regional waterways and pollute the environment.

During the month of August, the City of New Haven will be issuing warning tickets should they not be able to move their vehicle in an effort to make residents aware of the new program. Starting in September, the City will be enforcing the new street sweeping policy by issuing tickets to those that do not move their vehicles.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed on when street sweeping is coming to their neighborhood by signing up for the [City of New Haven Emergency Notifications](#). If a resident should have any questions regarding street sweeping, they can call Traffic, Transportation, and Parking at (203) 946-8075.

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