[Parking Ticket Amnesty Program]

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC TO IMPLEMENT A 15 DAY

AMNESTY PROGRAM TO WAIVE PENALTIES ON OUTSTANDING PARKING TICKETS BY

REDUCING THE AMOUNT DUE TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ORIGINAL FINE; AND

URGING THAT THE AMNESTY PROGRAM HAVE A SIMPLE AND EASY APPLICATION

PROCESS; AND URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC TO

IMPLEMENT THIS AMNESTY PROGRAM FROM DECEMBER 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH

1998 ON TICKETS DATING BACK AS FAR AS OCTOBER OF 1993.

WHEREAS, The Finance Committee for the Board of Supervisors approved a contract in July of this year which provides the Department of Parking and Traffic with a new parking citation system; and,

WHEREAS, This contract was supported by the Board of Supervisors with the understanding that this new technology would allow the Department of Parking and Traffic to improve its service to the public as well as improve efficiency of its parking enforcement and collection activities; and,

WHEREAS, The new system includes hand held ticket writing devices for its Parking Control Officers as well as a new integrated database for handling parking ticket protests, inquiries, payments and hearings; and,

WHEREAS, This new way of doing business would allow for fewer errors in parking citations, faster response time to correspondence and better notices regarding delinquent parking citations; and

WHEREAS, The estimated amount of unpaid parking tickets fines outstanding for the last 5 years is approximately 70 million dollars; and,

WHEREAS, This new system will allow the Department of Parking and Traffic to track down people who have been delinquent in paying their tickets more easily and efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, After a parking citation remains unpaid for more that 30 days, the vehicle owner is subject to administrative charges and penalties; and

WHEREAS, Many residents have expressed their interest in wanting to clear their record of delinquent tickets; and

WHEREAS, This Parking Ticket Amnesty Program would show the public that the City is serious about collecting these outstanding fines; and

WHEREAS, The Parking Ticket Amnesty program would be in effect for 15 days from December 1st through December 15th 1998; and

WHEREAS, This amnesty program would allow persons to pay their tickets at the originally issued amount without the penalty; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Department of Parking and Traffic to implement a 15 day Parking Ticket Amnesty Program to waive penalties on outstanding parking citations by reducing the amount due to an amount equal to the original fine; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the amnesty program will have a simple and easy application process, having individuals use post cards which will be available at City Hall, public libraries, DPT offices and other convenient locations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges that the amnesty program be implemented from December 1st through December 15th 1998 on tickets dating back to October of 1993; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board transmit copies of this legislation to the Mayor and the Department of Parking and Traffic to ensure its legislative intent.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to implement a 15 day amnesty program to waive penalties on outstanding parking tickets by reducing the amount due to an amount equal to the original fine; and urging that the amnesty program have a simple and easy application process; and urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to implement this amnesty program from December 1st through December 15th 1998 on tickets dating back as far as October of 1993.

November 16, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Medina, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Noes: 1 - Newsom Absent: 1 - Kaufman File No. 981799

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 16, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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