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PRESS RELEASE

City Kicks Off Holiday Parking Program

*2 hours of free parking in downtown garages and at North End meters along
Acushnet Avenue during December*

New Bedford, MA – The City's Holiday Parking Program is back in full swing this year, offering two hours of free parking at both the Elm Street Garage and the Zeiterion Garage downtown, along with two hours of free parking at meters along Acushnet Avenue in the North End.

New Bedford's Holiday Parking Program is designed to encourage shopping, dining, and retail activity in the City's downtown and North End business districts during the month of December.

The program also features ticket forgiveness for holiday shoppers and diners. Anyone receiving a parking ticket for an expired meter downtown can have it forgiven by presenting a same-day sales receipt for at least \$10 from a downtown merchant or restaurant.

Receipts must be presented or mailed to the Traffic Commission Office in the Elm Street Garage within three weeks (21 days) of receiving the ticket. The parking ticket will be forgiven with the presentation of the same-day receipt.

In the North End along Acushnet Avenue, drivers ticketed for expired meters over the free two hours can have their tickets forgiven in the same way.

The Traffic Commission office is located at 51 Elm St. and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions regarding the Holiday Parking Program can be directed to the Traffic Commission office at (508) 961-3153.