



Your Essential Required Elements Checklist That Will Save You Money

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Over the past thirteen years, I've fought a bazillion passenger car parking tickets. Most importantly I won a lot more battles with the Evil Empire than I lost.

In the same vein, the best defenses involve omitted, misdescribed, or illegible required elements. Find one, present the proper proof, and victory is yours.

Recently, the Evil Empire has shared some very helpful information about defective required elements.

This resource gives you an easy way to check for mistakes and omissions that will set you free.

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- ☐ A ticket is defective if certain required elements are missing, illegible, or mis-described. Defective tickets may be dismissed. The following elements are required to be accurate and legible:
- ☐ Plate number
- ☐ Plate type (for example, PAS, OMT, COM, etc.)
- ☐ Make or model (for example, TOYO, FORD, BMW, etc.)
- ☐ Body type (for example, SUBN, MCY, 4DSD, etc.)
- ☐ State of registration
- ☐ A general statement of the violation charged (for example, “TR §4-08(e)(9)–bike lane,” etc.)
 - The proper section of law must be cited (for example, §4-08(e)(9), etc.)
 - The parking ticket must include a “plain English” description of the violation (for example, “bike lane,” fire hydrant, etc.)

☐ The date and time (AM or PM) the ticket was issued

The place where the ticket was issued (“front of” or “opposite,” etc.), excluding “status” and “equipment” violations

☐ -Status violations: registration/inspection sticker, improper registration, covered VIN, and registration plate violations
-Equipment violations: missing, broken, or improper equipment (for example, headlights, brake lights, signals, windshield, mirrors, tinted windows, etc.)
The ticket must indicate what is broken, missing, or improper

☐ First observation time—for time-limited zone violations

-Overtime parking (parking meter)
-Storage violations (3 hours, 24 hours, or 7 days)
-Overtime parking—time limit posted

☐ Expiration date of registration or inspection, if the charge is for expiration

☐ The issuer’s signature (doesn’t have to be legible, as long as it is signed)

☐ The days/hours the posted sign is in effect (unless in effect 24 hours)

☐ Meter number (for certain meter violations)

-A charge of “failure to display” (VC38) does not need a meter number
-A charge of “expired meter” (VC37) must include the meter number

I've published four blog posts that offer my views on the Evil Empire's interpretation of the required elements.

"Required Element Blunders are Worth their Weight in Bitcoin."

<https://newyorkparkingticket.com/required-element-blunders/>

"[Defending Parking Tickets](https://newyorkparkingticket.com/defending-parking-tickets/) with Helpful Tips from the Evil Empire"

<https://newyorkparkingticket.com/defending-parking-tickets/>

"2-More Required Element Secrets [Shared by the Evil Empire](https://newyorkparkingticket.com/required-element-secrets/)"

<https://newyorkparkingticket.com/required-element-secrets/>

"Absolutely Reliable Required Element Tips You Need to Know"

<https://newyorkparkingticket.com/required-element-tips/>

Here's a pretty required elements diagram for your viewing pleasure

<https://newyorkparkingticket.com/new-required-elements-chart/>

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