



## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK KAREEMAH FOWLER, CITY CLERK

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### **NEWS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**SUBJECT:** City Clerk Kareemah Fowler Announces 2019 Amnesty Day Totals

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### **City Clerk Kareemah Fowler Announces 2019 Amnesty Day Totals**

*Over 400 parking tickets were paid in the South Bend City Clerk's Office and online on Amnesty Day in 2019.*

Per City Ordinance No. 10471-16, the City Clerk has the ability to hold an annual Parking Ticket Amnesty Day at her discretion which forgives late fees associated with parking violations. City Clerk Kareemah Fowler has now held three (3) annual Amnesty Days for parking tickets in the City of South Bend. The City Clerk's Office processed 409 parking tickets for payment on Parking Ticket Amnesty Day in 2019, which was held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

By providing the opportunity for residents to have a fresh start, Clerk Fowler's Amnesty Program also prevents the future accrual of costly fines, as well as legal and court fees associated with non-payment of parking tickets, which saves residents the time, money, and hassle of potential legal action. The Amnesty Program has saved money for residents and boosted revenue for the City of South Bend mirroring the success of other amnesty programs across the nation.

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