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CITY CLERK FOWLER ANNOUNCES 2017 FIRST ANNUAL AMNESTY DAY

As of January 1, 2017, the City implemented several changes to the downtown parking program. Among the changes introduced in Ord. No. 10471-16, is the City Clerk's ability to hold an annual Parking Ticket Amnesty Day at her discretion which forgives late fees associated with parking violations. This year, City Clerk Kareemah Fowler is happy to announce that the 2017 Amnesty Day will be on **Friday**, **July 21**, **2017**.

By providing the opportunity for residents to have a fresh start, Clerk Fowler's Amnesty Program also prevents the future accruement 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. Amnesty programs have proven largely successful in cities across the nation—saving money for residents and boosting revenue streams of local entities.

For more information regarding the 2017 Amnesty Day and how to settle your violations, feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov or the Ordinance Violations Bureau at 574-245-6052.

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