



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2019

**Resolution of Opposition to MTA Parking Fare Increases
at the Beacon and New Hamburg Train Stations**

WHEREAS, the Metro-North Transit Authority (MTA) has announced that it is considering increasing parking fares at 25 station parking facilities and lots that are owned/controlled by the MTA; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses of the City of Beacon depend on train services from/to the MTA stations located at the Beacon and New Hamburg train stations for their work, education, business, medical services, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the MTA is proposing parking fare increases at both the Beacon and New Hamburg stations, according to the following rate scale:

METER PARKING:	Station	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
	• Beacon.	\$3.50	\$4.25
	• New Hamburg	\$3.50.	\$4.25
12 MONTH PARKING:			
	• Beacon	\$2.98	\$3.28
	• New Hamburg	\$3.58	\$3.94

WHEREAS, the MTA also proposes to charge parking fees for Saturday parking, which parking is currently free of charge; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the proposed MTA increases would take effect on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the MTA's area of service includes the City of Beacon, and the proposed MTA parking fare increase will cause unnecessary financial hardship for numerous residents of the City, particularly those with fixed or limited incomes, and the proposed parking fare increase will place an additional financial burden on the taxpayers of the City; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the proposed MTA parking fare increase will increase significantly the daily two-way traffic moving through the City to those stations because fewer people would be able to afford to pay the increased fares, thereby requiring them to be dropped off and picked up at the stations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fare increases will impact significantly our environment by increasing the level of traffic and traffic congestion and thereby increasing the level of fossil fuel omissions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon respectfully requests that the MTA conduct an appropriate environment impact study before any such fare increase would be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon respectfully requests that the MTA hold a public meeting in the City of Beacon with respect to said proposed parking fare increases; and

WHEREAS, the MTA has failed to demonstrate a need for the proposed fare increases; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration, the City Council finds that such rate increases will place an undue financial and environmental burden on residents, businesses, and local government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon, in its capacity as governing body of the City, does hereby oppose the fare increase for parking fees now being proposed by the MTA for Saturday and recommends that free parking be maintained for Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and all other non-commuter time parking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be delivered by the City Clerk to the MTA Board, NY Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Hon. Sue Serino, Senator representing the 41st District, and the Hon. Kieran Lalor, Assemblyman representing the 105th District, as well as the chief executives of our surrounding municipalities served by the MTA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution No. _____ of 2019		Date: <u>December 9, 2019</u>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments		<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call				<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on roll call.						<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Terry Nelson					
		Jodi McCredo					
		George Mansfield					
		Lee Kyriacou					
		John Rembert					
		Amber Grant					
		Mayor Randy J. Casale					
		Motion Carried					