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MEMORANDUM OF LEGISLATION**DATE:** March 26, 2025**TITLE:** A Local Law to Establish a Unified Parking Payment System for Municipalities within Westchester County**SPONSOR:** Jewel Williams Johnson, Chair, Committee on Budget and Appropriations

PURPOSE/GENERAL IDEA OF BILL: To explore and establish a countywide unified parking payment system that enhances accessibility, efficiency, and uniformity for residents and visitors parking across multiple municipalities in Westchester County. The legislation aims to streamline parking payments by encouraging or mandating the adoption of a single digital parking application for all municipal parking facilities, street parking, and commuter lots.

JUSTIFICATION: Westchester County currently has a fragmented parking system, with multiple municipalities utilizing different parking applications and payment methods. This inconsistency results in confusion, inconvenience, and inefficiencies for residents, visitors, and businesses. A unified parking payment system would:

1. Improve user experience: Allow drivers to use a single app across multiple municipalities instead of downloading and managing multiple applications.
2. Enhance efficiency: Standardize parking policies and reduce administrative costs associated with multiple vendors.
3. Increase revenue consistency: Create a countywide parking revenue system that maximizes collection efficiency while maintaining local municipal revenue streams.
4. Promote smart transportation initiatives: Integrate with transit, ridesharing, and smart parking technologies to reduce congestion and improve parking availability.

A model Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) would be developed to allow municipalities to opt into the countywide system while maintaining autonomy over their respective parking regulations.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**Section 1:** Establishment of a Unified Parking Payment System

- The County of Westchester shall issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a single digital parking application provider to serve all municipalities within the county.
- The selected provider must ensure accessibility, integration with existing municipal parking infrastructure, and transparency in revenue distribution to participating municipalities.

- Participation in the countywide system shall be voluntary for municipalities; however, municipalities that opt-in must fully integrate with the selected application within a designated timeframe.

Section 2: Intermunicipal Cooperation and Revenue Distribution*

- The County shall develop an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) outlining how municipalities will adopt and manage the unified system while retaining control over their parking rates, policies, and enforcement.
- Parking revenues collected through the unified system shall be distributed back to each municipality in accordance with its local parking policies.

Section 3: Implementation Timeline

- Within 90 days of adoption, the County shall issue an RFP to select a unified parking app provider.
- Within 6 months, the County shall develop and present the IMA framework for municipal adoption.
- Within 1 year, participating municipalities must transition to the unified system.

Section 4: Reporting and Accountability

- The County Department of Public Works & Transportation shall oversee the implementation and operation of the system.
- An annual report shall be submitted to the Board of Legislators on the program's effectiveness, revenue distribution, and system improvements.

PRESENT LAW: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: Initial costs may include technology integration and system transition for municipalities. Revenue from parking fees will remain allocated to each municipality based on usage. Potential cost savings may occur from reduced operational redundancies and vendor management.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Introduce legislation to the referred Committees for discussion.
2. Hold public hearings to gather input from municipalities, residents, and business stakeholders.
3. Develop a pilot program with willing municipalities before full-scale implementation.

CONCLUSION: This legislation seeks to modernize and simplify parking payments across Westchester County, enhancing convenience, efficiency, and revenue optimization for both municipalities and the public. A unified parking system will support economic growth, smart city initiatives, and improved transportation accessibility.

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