

Registration and Inspection Parking Ticket Cheat Sheet

4-08 (j) Standing or parking vehicles that violate registration and inspection rules are covered or have the VIN obscured

(1) Vehicles must be properly registered. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing a New York license plate or plates unless it is properly registered in accordance with the laws and rules of New York.

-Comment: This rule does not apply to out-of-state vehicles, only NY State registered vehicles. You were charged under the wrong subsection of 4-08 (j) if your vehicle was properly registered but you displayed the registration improperly (like on your dashboard). I suggest you fight the ticket...You'll win!

(2) Valid plates must be properly displayed. No person shall stand or park a vehicle unless it properly displays the current plate or plates issued to it. For the purposes of this paragraph (j)(2), New York plates shall not be deemed properly displayed unless they are conspicuously displayed, one on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle, each securely fastened so as to prevent the same from swinging and placed, whenever reasonably possible, not higher than 48 inches and not lower than 12 inches from the ground, and they are kept clean and in a condition so as to be readable and shall not be covered by glass or any plastic material, and the view thereof shall not be obstructed by any part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon. New York dealer or transporter plates issued pursuant to §415 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law shall be deemed properly displayed if the one plate issued is placed on the rear of the vehicle as described above. New York motorcycle plates and plates from other states shall be deemed properly displayed if at least one plate is fastened on the rear of the vehicle.

-Comment: This rule requires both NY State and out-of-state vehicles to properly display the current plates issued to it. The rule describes what it means to properly display NY State plates, although it is obviously silent on what amounts to proper display in the other states.

Please note that the rule refers to both "display" and "current." It is a violation to properly display an expired plate

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(3) Vehicles must display a valid registration sticker. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing a New York plate or plates unless it properly displays a current registration sticker.

-Comment: The rules only applies to NY State vehicles. It requires proper display of a current sticker. This means you'll get a parking ticket if: The stickers aren't displayed in the right order on the windshield, sitting on the dashboard, or expired, etc.

(4) Improper stickers prohibited. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing a New York plate or plates displaying an expired, mutilated, void, imitation, counterfeit or inappropriate New York registration sticker.

-Comment: What does "mutilated" mean to a judge? A warrior must enter a reasonable reason why she believed the registration sticker was improperly displayed. If not, you win. For example, I beat a parking ticket when the warrior entered NS-Rain. Generally, "rain" isn't a reasonable reason. Plus, I presented evidence that it was not raining at the time of the alleged violation.

(5) Registration plates, stickers, and tags must match. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing registration plates, stickers, and tags that do not match as to the information contained thereon.

-Comment: We get it, right?!

(6) Vehicles must display valid inspection sticker. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing New York plates unless it is properly inspected and properly displays a current inspection sticker or certificate, in accordance with §306(b) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law unless it bears New York dealer or transporter plates pursuant to §415 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Comment: You'll be charged with violating this subsection if you don't properly display a current inspection sticker. The warrior must enter the sticker number and expiration date in the comment section of the parking ticket. If not, you win.

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(7) Improper inspection stickers prohibited. No person shall stand or park a vehicle bearing New York plates displaying any mutilated, imitation or counterfeit of an official certificate of inspection.


-Comment: See comment to #4. This subsection covers inspection stickers.

--General Comment: Remember, the "place of occurrence" is not a required element for a status violation because the location of the violation doesn't matter when a parking ticket is issued for expired registration, expired inspection, etc. It's expired regardless of the location of the parking space.

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Inspection Parking Violation

In Violation of NYC Traffic Rules, Section: 4-08(j)(6) ←					
Insp Sticker Expired (NYS)					
Place of Occurrence					
Front of 2573 Marion Ave					
VC	Meter #	Operational	Limit	County	Pct.
71				BX	046
Date/Time of Offense			Date/Time 1st Observed		
01/10/15 01:14 PM			N/A		
Complainant's Comments:					
← Insp #: 08020341 Exp: 12/31/14 ←					
FINE AMOUNT: \$ 65.00					
Agency	Command		Tax Reg #		
TRAFFIC	T-201		361123		


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Registration Parking Violation

4-08 (j)(3)

In Violation of NYC Traffic Rules, Section: 4-08(j)(3) ←

Reg. Sticker Expired (NYS)

Place of Occurrence

Front of 108-40 Queens Blvd

VC	Meter #	Operational	Limit	County	Pct.
70				Q	112


Date/Time of Offense	Date/Time 1st Observed
09/24/14 03:33 PM	N/A

Complainant's Comments:
temp.reg.expd.on 09/18/2014 ←

Sticker #: 48320710 ←

FINE AMOUNT: \$ 65.00

Agency	Command	Tax Reg #
TRAFFIC	T-402	361113


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This is a ticket issued for an expired "temporary" registration certificate. The expiration date must appear in the tiny box at the top of the ticket (not shown here) or in the comments section (shown here). Either place is o.k.

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