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Firm Driving Away Parking Violators' Holiday

■ Parkingticket.com will fight citations for free, but only in three cities.

By John Johnson, Times Staff Writer

The nice seem to get all the goodies this time of year. But here's a company that wants to make the naughty happy at Christmastime.

Through Wednesday, parkingticket.com promises to take up your fight — free of charge — against those holiday-cheer-sapping parking tickets. Providing the city hall you are fighting is in San Francisco, New York or Washington.

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"We want the good spirits to flow and we don't want anybody's holiday ruined by a parking ticket," said Glen Bolofsky, president of the company just outside New York City.

The firm has been in business since 1982 but went digital two years ago, Bolofsky said. This is the first year it is offering a Christmas bonus to

America's scofflaws, as well as to innocent victims of quota-meeting traffic enforcement officers. Bolofsky claims a 70% success rate in having tickets dismissed.

"Lots of times, tickets are written improperly," he said. "They'll have the wrong n vehicle. In San Francisco, they are required to include the last four digits of the V vehicle identification number. "That's often missing."

Customers typically pay half the cost of the ticket to parkingticket.com and fill ou questionnaire listing the reasons they think the ticket was issued unfairly. The cor uses the information to draft a letter to the city requesting dismissal.

Many tickets are thrown out at that level, Bolofsky said. If the city refuses to bud

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the defendant guilty, the company sends an appeal letter. If that is rejected, parking refunds the customer's fee, Bolofsky said.

Bolofsky's business is built on the realization that parking tickets are much more of an inconvenience than they used to be. The ticket fee schedule in San Francisco ranges from an off-street parking meter violation to \$275 for blocking access to a parking space for a handicapped.

Why only three cities? And why these three cities? Basically, it's all about where the company is. New York was chosen because the company started there and because "I grew up in the parking," Bolofsky said. As for Washington, "That's the closest major city to a large quantity of tickets."

And San Francisco? Bolofsky sees it as a potential mother lode of parking enforcement. San Francisco has about one-fifth the population of Los Angeles and only 850 miles of roads compared with Los Angeles' 7,366 miles of roads. And the Northern California city's officers write more parking tickets — 4 million a year — Bolofsky said. That's almost every man, woman and child counted in the 2000 census.

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