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Ticket Fix

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The city of Harrisburg has written off \$3615 in parking fines and costs owed by a secret and unidentified federal agency, according to Mayor Harold A. Swenson.

The fines represent 241 unpaid tickets issued by police between last May and October near the federal courthouse here.

Swenson said the cars were registered in Pennsylvania with "confidential" plates assigned to a federal agency with a box number at the federal building.

He said he set surveillance of the cars and their drivers and learned the nature of the federal agency involved, but he declined to identify it. He said it was an intelligence-gathering agency not directly related to law enforcement.

By communicating with anonymous officials through the box number, Swenson said, he got a pledge that the parking violations would cease, and they did. But the anonymous official contended that the federal government was not subject to local parking ordinances.

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