



**PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN**  
**Monday, January 24, 2022, Public Meeting no. 08**  
**Voting list**

**Motion # 3 submitted by MP A.J.G. Romou**

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	✓	
2.	Akeem E. Arrindell	✓	
3.	Sidharth M. Bijlani	✓	
4.	Rolando Brison	✓	
5.	Chanel E. Brownbill	✓	
6.	Solange L. Duncan	✓	
7.	Christophe T. Emmanuel		✓
8.	Melissa D. Gumbs	✓	
9.	William V. Marlin	✓	
10.	George C. Pantophlet	✓	
11.	Raeyhon A. Peterson		✓
12.	Hyacinth L. Richardson	✓	
13.	Angelique J.G. Romou	✓	
14.	Ludmila N.L. de Weever	✓	
15.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	✓	

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Draft Motion

The Parliament of St. Maarten, in its meeting of today January 21 2022,

CONSIDERING:

- The Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance regulating number plates indicates that persons must pay their vehicle tax before the 1st of March of each year respectively.
- That as a result of not paying vehicle tax on time, taxpayers can lose their current registered number plate.
- That as a result of losing their current registered number plate, the taxpayer receives a new number plate and must go through various procedures external to Government.
- The fact that this measure does not directly generate any additional revenue for Government.
- That rather than take away the number plates from late paying citizens, Government can consider implementing a late fee which will eliminate the hassle for the taxpayer (due to the issuance of a new number plate) but also generating revenue for Government.
- That article 25 of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance stipulates the acts that are punishable by a fine of the first category and can possibly be amended to include a fine for late payment.
- That the implementation of a late fee may also improve the compliance rate of on time payment of motor vehicle tax thus improving the liquidity of Government.
- That the Government of Sint Maarten must find new ways to generate revenue to strengthen its financial and liquidity position.

RESOLVES:

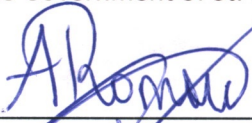
That the Parliament calls on the Minister of Finance to submit a proposal for the implementation of a late fee for late payment of the motor vehicle tax by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. This proposal must include suggestions on how the Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance, especially Article 25, can be amended to reflect the implementation of the late fee and that the implementation of the late fee would go into effect retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.


And goes over to the order of the day.


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The Governor of St. Maarten


The Government of St. Maarten

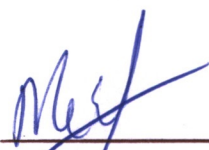
  
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R. Carlson  
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GEORGE PANTOPOULOS

  
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Chapel Brown  
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Melissa Gumbs  
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