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## 14 More Ways New York City Can Cut Spending or Raise Revenue

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The New York City Independent Budget Office today released 14 more measures that could reduce city spending or raise tax and other revenues as the city faces a difficult fiscal climate. These 14 new measures are the latest in our online compilation of about 100 savings and revenue initiatives, [Budget Options for New York City](#).

The 14 new budget options include nine that would reduce spending and five that would raise revenue. They are (with their first-year budget effect):

### Savings

- Citywide Pay Freeze (\$1 billion+)
- Cut Managerial Pay on a Graduated Basis (\$25 million)
- Eliminate Supplemental Subsidy for School Bus Drivers (\$35 million)
- Eliminate Retiree Health Care Coverage for City Retirees Eligible for Coverage from Another Employer (\$35 million or more)
- Match NYC Ferry Fares to Express Bus Fares (\$35 million)
- Raise Paratransit Fare to Maximum Allowed Under Federal Regulations (\$15 million)
- Reduce Hours of Operation for 311 Call Services (\$6 million)
- Require a Health Insurance Contribution by Current City Employees (\$584 million)
- Tax Parking Placards as a Fringe Benefit (\$13 million)

### Revenue

- Establish a Pied-a-Terre Tax (\$390 million)
- Increase Certain Vehicle Fines for Repeated Violations in the Same Year (\$119 million)
- Open Outdoor Municipal Lots for Overnight Parking (\$2 million)
- Resume Water Board Rental Payments (\$107 million)
- Repeal the Commercial Revitalization and Commercial Expansion Programs (minimal revenue in first year, growing to \$22 million by 2031)

“Covid-19 has created many challenges for the city, including keeping the city’s budget in balance,” said IBO Director Ronnie Lowenstein. “Declining tax revenue due to the pandemic is driving city policymakers to consider many options for reducing spending and raising revenue. These are some measures worth public consideration.”

IBO neither backs nor opposes the measures outlined in [Budget Options for New York City](#). Our role is to examine options and to make estimates of their potential for savings or revenue—not to make recommendations. To underscore this, each of the measures presented in our compilation includes side-by-side arguments for and against each of the budget options considered.

The ideas for the budget options come from a wide range of sources. Some originated from elected officials, advocates, and others who asked for an objective estimate of an idea's cost-cutting or revenue-raising potential. Other budget options have been discussed publicly for years, while others have been generated by IBO staff.

The 14 new budget options may be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/36kt5Qe>

The entire compilation of budget options can be viewed here:  
<https://ibo.nyc.ny.us/budgetoptions.html>

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