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Washington Avenue business owner Vincent Frantantoni, and others, say harsh enforcement of parking meters is driving shoppers out of town.