QR code scam

Scammers found to be adding a QR code to parking meters. People who scanned the code to pay for parking would be taken to a malicious site that collected their credit card info.

|It may be very difficult to detect whether the QR code is valid or not, especially if the city actually uses QR codes on their parking meters to allow for parking payment.

One possible mitigation would be to use a QR code scanner that can detect or track known malicious sites and block you from accessing them such as Sophos Intercept X for Mobile (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sophos.smsec)

Even this is not a panacea. The malicious site could be brand new and not detected as malicious, but it is better than nothing.

Be suspicious.