



## COMMUNITY BOARD No. 2, MANHATTAN

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September 27, 2010

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New York Motorcycle and Scooter Task Force  
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione, Commissioner Kelly and Ms. Stewart:

At its Full Board meeting September 23, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

### **Resolution requesting additional locations for a pilot program of on-street motorcycle and motor scooter parking zones.**

**Whereas** in April 2010, following a presentation by members of the New York Motorcycle and Scooter Task Force (NYMSTF), Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) approved the creation of designated on-street parking zones for two-wheeled motor vehicles, specifically motorcycles and motor scooters, in two locations in this district; and

**Whereas** CB2 indicated that it was willing to review proposals of further locations that might be appropriate to add to the pilot program, and on that basis NYMSTF presented 11 additional potential locations to the CB2 Traffic and Transportation Committee; and

**Whereas** the two previously-approved locations have been implemented by the NYC Department of Transportation, and no resident complaints have been received, though observations reveal that with just a single sign and no on-street markings, many automobile drivers seem unaware of the designated motorcycle parking zone; and

**Whereas** NYMSTF reiterated their rationales for these zones, including increased safety for legally-parked two-wheel vehicles which are subjected to damaging knockovers when other vehicles parallel park, the reduction of illegal sidewalk parking of scooters and motorcycles, and the benefits of "daylighting" intersections so as to increase the visibility of pedestrians; and

**Whereas** several residents expressed concerns about some of the proposed locations, citing fears of increased noise and rowdiness associated with the motorcycling community, and these locations were eliminated; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Community Board 2, Manhattan, requests that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) expand the pilot program for the parking of two-wheeled motor vehicles to include the following locations:

- On E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. at University Pl., NW corner, for 1 car-length
- On Bleecker St. at Lafayette St., NW corner, for 1 car-length, as long as the motorcycle parking on Bleecker St. at Lafayette St. does not impede a currently existing bike lane
- On Bleecker St. at Mercer St., SW corner, for 1 car-length
- On Spring St. at Bowery, NW corner, for 2 car-lengths
- On Sullivan St. at Washington Sq. Park S., SE and SW corners, for 1 car-length each; and

**Be it further resolved** that some form of street markings would be desirable in addition to the current signage, preferably a simple boxed area with “Motorcycle Only” written on the ground; and

**Be it finally resolved** that the conclusions from the pilot program should include data pertaining to registered noise complaints from DOT and the incidence of illegal parking, specifically of motorcycles and scooters on sidewalks from NYPD.

**Vote:** Unanimous, with 36 Board members in favor.

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jo Hamilton, Chair  
Community Board #2, Manhattan



Shirley Secunda, Chair  
Traffic & Transportation Committee  
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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cc: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman  
Hon. Thomas K. Duane, NY State Senator  
Hon. Daniel L. Squadron, NY State Senator  
Hon. Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker  
Hon. Deborah J. Glick, Assembly Member  
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FDNY Squad 18  
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione, Captain Smith and Ms. Kelpin:

At its Full Board meeting September 23, 2010, Community Board #2, Manhattan, adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution requesting replacement of “No Parking Anytime” with “No Stopping Anytime” regulations and signage and installation of a curbside bicycle lane on the north side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave., with placement of “No Honking” signs on that street, and provision of five parking spaces for FDNY personnel on the south side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Greenwich Ave. and Ave. of the Americas.**

**Whereas** the block association on W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. between Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave. has requested that Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) aid them in having parking regulations and signage on their block changed to allow for cleaning the north side of the street (which the current No Parking rules do not accommodate in order to provide FDNY personnel parking) and to alleviate traffic congestion and noise occurring in the very narrow passage between constantly parked cars on both sides of the street; and,

**Whereas** repeated observations by the community (which the block association has reported) and by CB2, as well as confirmation from Squad 18 of the FDNY at 132 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. on that block, have revealed that a large number of parking spaces on the north side of the street are taken up by illegal placard parking, often continuously or for many weeks at a time, with Squad 18/FDNY personnel legally occupying a smaller number of spaces; and,

**Whereas** Squad 18 of the FDNY has indicated that it has no objection to relocating the personnel parking spaces it uses on the north side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. between Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave., while retaining the FDNY parking spaces allotted on the south side of the street, and has suggested using a portion of the south side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Greenwich Ave. and Ave. of the Americas for the relocated FDNY north side parking (so as to preserve the

sweeping regulation on the south side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. between Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave. for its community neighbors there); and

**Whereas** W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. between Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave. is the only block without a bicycle lane (eliminated there to accommodate firefighters' personal vehicles) on the otherwise continuous bike lane facility on 10<sup>th</sup> St. in CB2; and

**Whereas** both the street's block association and Squad 18 of the FDNY have expressed their willingness to have such a bike lane on the north side of that street along with "No Stopping Anytime" regulations and signage, which would allow for street cleaning space and passage;

**Therefore be it resolved** that CB2 requests the replacement of "No Parking Anytime" with "No Stopping Anytime" regulations and signage and installation of a curbside bicycle lane on the north side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Waverly Pl. and Greenwich Ave., with placement of "No Honking" signs on that street; and

**Be it further resolved** that CB2 requests provision of five parking spaces for FDNY personnel on the south side of W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Greenwich Ave. and Ave. of the Americas.

**Be it finally resolved** that CB2 asks that, if implemented, the proposed No Stopping and No Honking rules be vigorously enforced.

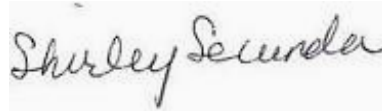
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