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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10041

RE: Parking Regulations 8th & 21 Street

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board 4 requests that the parking regulations on the west side of 8th Avenue (adjacent to the bicycle lane) for the first approximately 75' north of the bulb out on West 21st Street (to the entrance of Gristedes) be changed to "No Standing, Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 8am to 1pm, M-F" and one hour metered parking from 1pm to 7pm (from the current one hour metered parking from 9am to 7pm)

When the 8th Avenue bicycle lane was established, CB4 and the Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce surveyed avenue businesses on their delivery needs and requested parking regulations changes, when it was feasible, to accommodate them. At the time, Gristedes deliveries were mostly early in the morning (before 7am) - a time when there was minimal street traffic. However, during the last 2 years their delivery schedule changed and currently most deliveries are later in the morning or early afternoon and typically double-park since vehicles are usually parked in that area. This has caused reported traffic back-ups along 8th Avenue on the blocks south of that location. The proposed change will better accommodate Gristedes delivery schedule and alleviate traffic problems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Corey Johnson
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