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Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione
Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Parking Regulations, West 47th and West 48th Streets, Ninth Avenue to 11th Avenue

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requests changes to the parking regulations and street signs on West 47th and West 48th Street between Ninth Avenue and Eleventh Avenue. In making these recommendations, we wish to establish parking regulations that reflect the mixed land use of these blocks, which are substantially residential in nature, but with a blend of commercial (particularly on and near the corners) and manufacturing (particularly toward 11th Avenue).

Current regulations (see attached map) are primarily No Standing 8am/7am to 7pm Except Truck Loading and Unloading (except Sundays), No Standing 8am to 7pm (except Sundays) and No Parking Monday-Friday 8am to 6pm. Because of the close proximity of these blocks to Midtown, the current regulations effectively invite buses and limousines to use these streets as extended parking and waiting areas. Understanding the importance of an active tourism market and given our support of increased mass transportation use for commuters and visitors, we support creating additional parking for public and private bus and van company parking/waiting/pick-up and drop off. However, parking for these vehicles should be off-street and near major arteries, not on the neighborhood streets of our Community District.

We request that alternate-side parking, with days and hours as prescribed by the Department of Sanitation street cleaning schedule, be instituted on these blocks with the following exceptions, made to accommodate existing businesses.

No Standing 8am to 7pm except Trucks Loading and Unloading (except Sundays) should be instituted in the following locations:

- From the Northwest corner of Ninth Avenue and West 48th Street to the eastern edge of the lot line for 401 West 48th Street;
- From the Northwest corner of Ninth Avenue and West 47th Street to the eastern edge of the lot line for 401 West 47th Street;
- From the Southwest corner of Ninth Avenue and West 47th Street to the eastern edge of the lot line for 410 West 47th Street;
- 30 feet east from the Northeast corner of 10th Avenue and West 48th Street;
- 30 feet west from the Southwest corner of 10th Avenue and West 47th Street;

- Beginning at the western edge of the lot line for 540 West 48th Street (the South side of the block) and going west;
- Beginning at the easternmost driveway at 521 West 48th Street (north side of the block) and going West for 50 feet;
 - We also request that DOT investigate, as an alternative, making this Alternate Side of the Street Parking, except for the hours of 5pm to 6pm, when it would be a taxi stand;
- 20 feet both east and west of the driveways located at 519 West 47th Street (north side of the block).

We believe that alternate side of the street parking in the remaining areas will both mitigate the existing bus and limousine parking problems and enhance the residential feel of these blocks. We appreciate the partnership of the Department of Transportation for considering these recommendations and the NYPD for enforcing the regulations as we seek to create a more livable community amidst this changing environment.

Sincerely,



J. Lee Compton
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: west 47/48 streets block assoc
NYPD Midtown North Precinct

Current Parking Regulations



* Expressed need for truck loading/unloading or taxi parking.
 Most of remainder did not object to Alternate Side (5 could not be reached)

Proposed Parking Regulations

