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

Re: Request “Police parking zones” in Hell’s Kitchen South

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board No. 4 requests that “Police Parking” zones be established on 35th and 38th Streets to alleviate the shortage in police parking.

The Midtown South Precinct, located on 35th street near the eastern corner of 9th Avenue, hosts 350 police personnel while its underground garage is quite small. Police personnel use their police placards to park on 9th Avenue on spaces intended for delivery trucks. As a result, delivery vehicles double park on 9th Avenue, aggravating the congestion in this area close to the Lincoln Tunnel entrance. In addition, business owners receive parking violations when their trucks double- park to make deliveries.

Inspector McCarthy joined us to inspect the situation; he agrees with our proposal for “Police Parking” signs to be installed on the south side of 35th Street from 9th Avenue to Dyer Avenue, except in front of the loading bay. Currently there is a “No Sanding Any Time” sign at this location. In addition, we propose that “Police Parking” signs be installed on the south side of 38th Street between 9th Avenue and the Fire Station located between 9th and 10th Avenues. Currently there are “No Standing” signs.

Once these areas have been designated for “Police Parking”, Inspector McCarthy committed to ensure than no police cars , personal or otherwise, are parked on 9th Avenue or at bus stops in the vicinity .

We thank the Department of Transportation for considering this proposal. We expect this change to improve the flow of traffic on 9th Avenue, facilitate deliveries for the businesses and provide legal parking for Midtown Police personnel.

Sincerely,

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