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Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 546-A which would prohibit the affixing of adhesive stickers on unlawfully parked vehicles that violate alternate side of the street parking rules for street cleaning purposes.

Street cleanliness is an important quality-of-life concern for all New York City residents. Mechanical brooms are the most cost-effective method of street cleaning, and alternate side of the street parking rules ensure that car owners move their cars from one side of the street to allow Department of Sanitation workers to operate the mechanical brooms that clean over 6,000 curb miles of the City's streets. Owners of vehicles who choose not to move their cars in violation of alternate side parking rules force mechanical broom operators to skip the cleaning of the inaccessible curb area, which makes streets and communities less clean.

The Department of Sanitation affixes stickers to unlawfully parked vehicles as a deterrent tool. These stickers inform the owner of a vehicle — and those who walk past it — that the vehicle has blocked the Department's cleaning of the streets.

Street cleanliness is at an all time high, with an average citywide street cleanliness rating of 94.5% for Fiscal Year 2011, and 94.8% to date in this current fiscal year. In the year prior to the Department's authorization to affix such stickers, the average citywide street cleanliness rating was only 73%. As street conditions continue to improve, the City should not abandon this invaluable tool, which has helped us make our City's streets cleaner.

For the foregoing reasons, I hereby disapprove Introductory Number 546-A.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg

cc: Hon. Christine Quinn