

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

LSR 18086

Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Amanda Farías

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the review of certain parking signs and a utilization study of parking reserved for commercial vehicles.

Submitted by:

Council Member Amanda Farías

Justification:

Currently, New York City enforces strict, area-specific parking regulations. However, there is no law requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) or the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to routinely examine and update signage based on the changing conditions of the city. As a result, outdated signage can result in unjust penalties for drivers. Members of my community and countless New Yorkers have experienced these penalties firsthand, receiving tickets based on signage that no longer reflects the current conditions or use of the street.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Transportation conduct an annual review to determine whether parking signs should be updated to account for the closure or relocation of facilities associated with parking restrictions. The Commissioner of Transportation is then required to update signage accordingly. In addition, this bill requires the Commissioner of Transportation to consult annually with the Commissioner of Sanitation to evaluate and update alternate side street parking signs when necessary.

Finally, this bill requires that, every 5 years, the Commissioner of Transportation will conduct a utilization study of commercial vehicle parking areas, issue a report to the Speaker of the Council and the Mayor, and post the report online. These measures are essential to ensure that New Yorkers are not unfairly penalized due to outdated or irrelevant signage. Clear, current parking information is a basic necessity in a city where residents and visitors alike rely on accurate guidance to navigate complex regulations and our bustling streets.