

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:

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Prime Sponsors:

Council Member Virginia Maloney

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to restrictions on the operation of pedicabs in the theatre district zone.

Submitted by:

Council Member Virginia Maloney

Justification:

This legislation addresses persistent congestion and public safety concerns in the Theatre District by establishing clear, enforceable restrictions on pedicab operations in high-density pedestrian areas. By prohibiting pedicab pick-ups, drop-offs, and standing within 50 feet of theatre entrances and authorizing the Department of Transportation to designate additional restricted zones, the bill reduces bottlenecks during peak performance times, improves pedestrian flow, and enhances emergency access. These targeted measures balance the continued operation of pedicabs with the need to prioritize safety, accessibility, and the efficient movement of the millions of residents and visitors who rely on the Theatre District's sidewalks and streets.