

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT 1
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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June 30, 2025
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Shaun Abreu, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chris Banks
David M. Carr
Julie Menin
Sandy Nurse
Vickie Paladino
Sandra Ung
Inna Vernikov

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, good
3 morning. This is a microphone check for the Committee
4 on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. Today's
5 date is June 30, 2025. This recording is done in the
6 Committee Room, recorded by Ginelle Yearwood.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning, and
8 welcome to the New York City Council hearing vote
9 from the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
10 Management.

11 Please silence all cell phone and
12 electronic devices, and as a friendly reminder, do
13 not approach the dais.

14 Chair Abreu, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: [GAVEL] Good morning,
16 everyone, and welcome to today's hearing hosted by
17 the Committee on Sanitation.

18 To minimize disruption, please place
19 electronic devices on vibrate or silent mode.

20 The purpose of this hearing is to hold a
21 vote on Proposed Intro. Number 3-A, sponsored by
22 myself. The Committee previously heard Intro. Number
23 3 at a hearing on May 1, 2024, where it received
24 testimony from representatives of the Department of
25 Sanitation and interested members of the public. New

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2 York City constituents have been complaining for
3 years about problems caused by vehicles parked on the
4 street without license plates for an extended period
5 of time, taking up space for parking and other public
6 uses, complicating street cleaning, and contributing
7 to negative perceptions of the city's cleanliness. A
8 vehicle may be considered abandoned if it meets one
9 of the criteria set out in New York State law, and
10 certain abandoned vehicles can also be considered
11 derelict if they don't have a license plate and are
12 valued below a certain threshold. Under New York
13 City's Administrative Code, vehicles that meet the
14 criteria for abandoned but not derelict under State
15 law are eligible to be towed by the New York City
16 Police Department Rotation Tow Program. However, the
17 Administrative Code does not expressly state which
18 agency should handle derelict vehicle removals,
19 leading to confusion and delay. Proposed Intro.
20 Number 3-A would clarify that the New York City
21 Department of Sanitation is the agency responsible
22 for the removal of derelict vehicles from the street.

23 I would like to thank everyone on my team
24 and the Legislative Division for their work on this
25 legislation.

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2 I will now turn it over to the Clerk to
3 take a vote on Intro. Number 3.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
5 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
6 vote, Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste
7 Management. Proposed Introduction 3-A. Chair Abreu.

8 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:
10 Salamanca. Gennaro. Menin.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENIN: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
13 you. Nurse.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NURSE: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER UNG: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Banks.
18 Zhuang. Carr.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vernikov.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VERNIKOV: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER PALADINO: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
25 vote of seven in the affirmative, zero in the

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2 negative, and no abstentions, item has been adopted
3 by the Committee.

4 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: I'll hold it open.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: The roll
6 will be held open at request of the Chair. Everyone's
7 free to go.

8 Continuation roll call, Committee on
9 Sanitation. Proposed Intro. 3-A. Council Member
10 Banks.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
13 now at eight in the affirmative.

14 CHAIRPERSON ABREU: Thank you so much,
15 Clerk. This hearing is hereby adjourned. [GAVEL]

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Date August 4, 2025