

2019 City Council Parking Placard Bills Passed into Law

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| Local Law 1 (2020) (effective starting 1/2/20) | No later than June 30, 2020, and every six months thereafter within 30 days of December 31 and June 30, the police department shall submit to the council a report on the improper use of city-issued parking permits during the preceding six months. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, information on the number of summonses the department issued in connection with the improper use of city-issued parking permits, disaggregated by the section of the New York city traffic rules that was violated. |
| Local Law 3 (2020) (effective starting 12/31/21) | NYPD shall create a centralized electronic system to track all city-issued parking permits and to record all summonses issued by the department in connection with the improper use of city-issued parking permits. Such system shall allow the department to verify in real time the validity of city-issued parking permits. NYCDOT and NYCDOE, if authority to issue city-issued parking permits is delegated pursuant to section 19-162.3, shall provide the NYPD with information about city-issued parking permits to be included in the electronic system, including but not limited to the vehicle or vehicles and the permissible and non-permissible locations and uses associated with such permit. |
| Local Law 4 (2020) (effective 4/2/20) | City-issued parking permits shall be revoked.... from those individuals found guilty of: 3 or more violations of a rule or law relating the misuse of a city-issued parking permit; or unpaid parking or traffic violations associated with the license plate or individual permit holder in excess of \$350. |
| Local Law 5 (2020) (effective 1/2/20) | By November 1, 2020, each city agency making use of city-issued parking permits shall develop a plan regarding the distribution and use of city-issued parking permits by such agency. Such plans shall be submitted to an agency or office as designated by the mayor which shall, by December 1, 2020, review such plans and develop a comprehensive plan, which shall make use of and include each issuing agency's plan. |

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| Local Law 6 (2020) (effective 1/2/20 until completed) | For a period of six months, beginning no later than 1/1/20, NYPD shall, each week, evaluate no fewer than 25 blocks or intersections that are experiencing a prevalence of improper use of parking permits. No later than 30 days following the end of each month in which the police department conducts evaluations, NYPD shall submit a report identifying the blocks or intersections evaluated, the analyses and determinations made, the department's response to such evaluation, including actions taken, if any. The Department of Investigation shall conduct an investigation and issue a report regarding the issuance of parking permits and enforcement of parking laws. No later than 9/30/20, such report shall be submitted to NYPD, NYCDOT, the mayor, and the speaker of the council |
| Local Law 8 (2020) (effective 1/2/20) | DoIT shall implement and maintain on its 311 citizen center website and mobile device platforms the capability for the public to file a complaints under the category of "illegal parking". Within such category, the public shall have the ability to submit complaints regarding improper use of a parking permit. |
| Local Law 9 (2020) (effective 4/2/20) | Created a standardized application process for City-issued parking permits. Permits could only be issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Police Department, and the Department of Education, if delegated such authority by DOT. Applications must be sponsored by City agencies and each applicant would be required to state the need for the permit. Information on the number of permits requested and issued, disaggregated by sponsoring agency, would be posted online |

CB8M 2021 Resolution (Unanimous)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls for the New York City Council and Mayor's Office to enact laws and provide funding to perform the following:

1. Assign Traffic Enforcement, as a special division of the NYPD, as the sole parking placard enforcing agency;
2. Restore the \$5.4 million annual budget for the dedicated parking placard enforcement unit that was cut in 2020;
3. Immediately initiate the process of retiring all agency-issued placards and require all holders to reapply for a digital placard with a digital identifier that can be verified by enforcement agents using handheld devices;
4. 4. Assess the number of agency permits and specific reasons for them being issued, and reduce the number of placards that are issued to city agencies, doctors, clergy and the media.

Previous Strategies Identified by CB8 Transportation Committee

(Feb. 2021)

- Asking the City Council to host a hearing and issuing a report assessing the impact of the 2019 laws;
- Creating dedicated placard parking zones;
- Restricting placards only to vehicles with New York State license plates;
- Creating a uniform digital placard used by all issuing agencies and having each agency determine who should be issued digital placards;
- Requiring all current placard holders to reapply for the new digital placards;
- Requiring placard holders to log their usage to identify the official purposes and expected hours of use;
- Supporting newly proposed City Council legislation that would permit the general public to report illegal placard use and receive monetary rewards for doing so;
- Total elimination of all agency-issued placards and prohibition of all agency-placard parking in Manhattan;
- Delegating one City agency as the centralized issuing agency for all agency-issued placards;
- Shifting traffic enforcement to DOT from NYPD;
- Reevaluating how and where traffic enforcement is deployed;
- Pressuring elected officials and agencies and the City to report on the status of the implementation of the 2019 legislation and to move more quickly;
- Exploring the idea of charging a fee for obtaining a permit;
- Improved reporting of the progress of transitioning to the digital placard system

2022 Proposed City Council Legislation

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| Intro 0500-2022 | This bill would prohibit any city agency from issuing parking permits to private vehicles that do not have an elected official license plate, and would provide for the revocation of such parking permits. This bill would not apply to parking permits issued for people with disabilities or to parking permits required to be issued pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement. |
| Intro 0501-2022 | The proposed legislation would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to create a civilian reporting program where civilians may submit complaints and supporting evidence for alleged violations to DOT. Where DOT brings a proceeding before OATH using evidence or information submitted by a civilian complainant, OATH would award the complainant 25 percent of any proceeds collected as a result of such proceeding. |
| Intro 0662-2022 | This bill would require the Department of Transportation to create a parking permit enforcement unit that would be dedicated to the enforcement of laws and rules relating to misuse of city-issued parking permits |

Outstanding Questions:

- Status of deliverables from 2019 parking placard bills
- Status of digital “pay by plate” program – initially anticipated to be implemented by 2021, then 2022;
- Status of funding of parking placard enforcement unit