

# Councillor **Mike Layton**



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Dear Deputy Mayor and members of the Executive Committee,

Every day, as Toronto residents drive their cars, ride their bikes, or take the TTC to work or school, they are needlessly held up in traffic by individuals or delivery vehicles parked illegally in the curb lane or bicycle lane. We have all witnessed this selfish behaviour and have been frustrated at one time or another with the actions of these individuals.

Often, parking enforcement officers are not able to issue tickets for such offences before the offender drives away unpunished. While City Council has increased fines for this conduct, drivers still think they can get away with this behaviour and the practice persists unabated.

The Provincial Offences Act states that the officer must affix the parking infraction notice to the vehicle or deliver it personally to the driver. Despite committing the infraction, once the offender drives away, they are free of any responsibility.

The Province can give the authority to provincial offences officers to issue infraction notices by regular mail to ensure that the City of Toronto can enforce these important parking restrictions that keep traffic moving and fight gridlock.

Therefore, I would respectfully request that the Executive Committee recommend that:

*City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to amend the Provincial Offences Act to permit provincial offences officers the power to issue infractions by regular mail to offenders.*

Respectfully yours,

Councillor Mike Layton  
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