



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

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Date:	December 6, 2012
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on November 27, 28 and 29, 2012, referred Motion MM28.9 to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to review existing parking regulations in permit parking areas and report to Council about the feasibility and desirability of allowing a 20 minute grace period for permit-holders unloading goods or dropping off people in front of their homes.

Summary

Many parents of young children, single moms, and children of elderly parents have contacted my office with the same complaint: they were ticketed when they stopped in front of their homes to briefly unload their groceries, help their kids or their elderly relatives into the house, or put a box of tools in the front hall.

Parking regulations should ensure the safe functioning of our road and sidewalk network and fairly allocate the limited parking space available to Toronto residents and visitors. They should not serve to penalize families trying to carry out their daily lives. Residents require a brief grace period to unload their cars near their homes in permit parking areas when the unloading does not obstruct the safe passage of traffic and pedestrians.

(Submitted to City Council on November 27 and 28, 2012 as MM28.9)