



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – East Liberty Street

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is requesting approval from City Council to remove parking on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point west of Lynn Williams Street and Pirandello Street. The presence of parked vehicles on both sides of East Liberty Street is resulting in operational and safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians. To resolve this issue, staff recommends implementing a "No Standing, Anytime" regulation on the south side where parking is currently permitted. This regulation will be consistent with the adjacent sections of East Liberty Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the "No Parking, Anytime" regulation on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point 72.2 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and a point 15.0 metres east of Lynn Williams Street.
2. City Council enact a "No Standing, Anytime" regulation on the south side of East Liberty Street, between a point 72.2 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and a point 130 metres west of Pirandello Street.

Financial Impact

Funds to post the required regulatory signs in the estimated amount of \$500.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2014 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, in response to a request from Councillor Mike Layton, investigated the feasibility of removing the section of parking that is currently permitted on the south side of East Liberty Street, between Lynn Williams Street and Pirandello Street, to enhance the operational safety for motorists on East Liberty Street.

COMMENTS

East Liberty Street, between Lynn Williams Street and Pirandello Street, is a collector roadway. It operates with two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 10.6 metres. It has a daily, two-way traffic volume of about 10,000 vehicles and a posted speed limit is 40 km/h. TTC service is provided on East Liberty Street by the "Ossington-63" bus, which travels westbound between Strachan Avenue and Atlantic Avenue.

On the north side of East Liberty Street, parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all times. On the south side, the following regulations have been by-lawed:

- parking is prohibited at all times, between a point 72.2 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and a point 15.0 metres east of Lynn Williams Street (Item TE25.67); and
- standing is prohibited at all times, between a point 130 metres west of Pirandello Street and Strachan Avenue (Item TE14.50).

Between the two above-noted prohibitions, motorists may park for a maximum period of three hours at all times. In this section, this creates double-sided parking on East Liberty Street. East Liberty Street is a busy roadway, as it provides the only east-west corridor in the Liberty Village area. Residents report that when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, it creates an unsafe situation. Further, it is noted that TTC buses and heavy trucks use this roadway frequently, although many of the heavy trucks are associated with the ongoing construction activity.

Therefore, to enhance the operational safety for all motorists, the section of permitted parking on the south side of East Liberty Street should be removed. The advantages are improved safety for road users, better sightlines and an increased pavement width for two-way traffic, especially during the winter months. It is also noted that the ongoing development in the Liberty Village area will continue to add a significant amount of traffic to the area road network and will exacerbate the existing concerns. For consistency, it is recommended that the entire section, between a point 72.2 metres west of Lynn Williams Street and Strachan Avenue, be designated as "No Standing, Anytime".

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-1393, dated April 2014

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