

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM44.8	ACTION			Ward:12, 17
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Front Yard Parking Pilot Project, Ward 12 and Ward 17 - by Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, seconded by Councillor Cesar Palacio

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Etobicoke York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frank Di Giorgio, seconded by Councillor Cesar Palacio, recommends that:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 918, Parking on Residential Front Yards and Boulevards, by inserting a new § 918-7.12 generally as follows:

§ 918-7.12 Areas of the former City of York and the former City of Toronto in Ward 12 and Ward 17, Pilot Project

A. Despite anything to the contrary in this chapter, the General Manager may accept a front yard parking pad application for front yard parking where the application is for a residential property located within the area of the former City of Toronto in either Ward 12 or in Ward 17 and/or for an application for a licence to park on any portion of a boulevard where the application is for a residential property located within either the area of the former City of York or the former City of Toronto and within either Ward 12 or Ward 17 where:

- (1) The application is to attempt to legalize a front yard parking pad which was installed prior to January 1, 2007 without permission(s) from the City of Toronto;
- (2) The applicant submits proof acceptable to the General Manager of the existence prior to January 1, 2007 of the front yard parking pad;
- (3) Additional ramping is not required or, if additional ramping is required, there is no loss of an on-street permit parking space; and
- (4) The applicant pays all applicable fees under this chapter with the exception of the costs for installation of a curb ramp under § 918-9E and the inspection fee under § 918-26.

B. Despite any other provisions in this chapter, an applicant under this § 918-7.12 shall be exempt from all criteria set out in § 918-4A, § 918-8G, § 918-9F, § 918-9G, § 918-10C, § 918-10C.1, § 918-10C.2, § 918-13 and § 918-14 of this chapter.

C. Unless otherwise specified in this § 918-7.12, the applicant must comply with all other criteria set out in this chapter.

D. The provisions of this § 918-7.12 shall apply from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 inclusive.

2. City Council authorize the appropriate staff to introduce any bills that may be necessary to give effect to City Council's decision.

Summary

There are many locations in Ward 12 and Ward 17 where residential front yard parking pads exist. My office has received numerous calls from homeowners stating that their front yard parking pads were pre-existing and that they have no mechanism of legalizing them. Many of these homeowners have been using their parking pads for decades. I have also heard from several homeowners who feel that it is unfair that they pay a yearly licence fee to use their front yard parking pads, while some of their neighbours use the unlicensed parking pads for free.

The City has addressed the illegal use of front yard parking pads by having offending homeowners install barriers such as concrete curbstones or planters. This policy not only allows the homeowner to keep the 'blocked' paved area, but it also ends up pushing many of these homeowners to park on the street, which in turn adds pressure to permit parking areas and, with the prevalence of accessible permit holders who are also taking up permit parking areas, pushes the permit parking space available close to full capacity. The benefit is to allow homeowners to legalize their front yard parking in the area of the former City of Toronto in Ward 12 and Ward 17 and boulevard parking in the areas of the former City of York and former City of Toronto in Ward 12 and Ward 17 as long as they can prove that it was built prior to 2007 for one or two spaces provided there will be no loss of permit parking space and provide relief to free up permit parking areas for permit holders who have no other alternative options to be able to park on the street. The proposed pilot program will be applicable from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 inclusive.

Background Information (City Council)

(July 17, 2018) Member Motion MM44.8