

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM2.15	ACTION			Ward: All
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**A New Year's Parking Resolution Request for Grace Period - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government and Licensing Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to request the Toronto Police Services Board to provide a New Year's Eve grace period for "Park in Permit Parking Location Without a Valid Permit" violations between 10:00 p.m. on December 31st and 10:00 a.m. on January 1st.
2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to report to the General Government and Licensing Committee on the mechanism for cancelling any parking tickets for the category "Park in Permit Parking Location Without a Valid Permit" issued between 10:00 p.m. on December 31st and 10:00 a.m. on January 1st.

**Summary**

This past New Year's, while Torontonians were ringing in the New Year there was a parking enforcement blitz in permit parking areas starting at midnight. This runs counter to both the spirit of the evening and road safety strategies for this yearly occasion.

Many New Year's Eve celebrations involve alcohol and cannabis. By the very nature of New Year's Eve those celebrations go until midnight and beyond.

A range of plans are in place to make our roads safer on New Year's Eve. GO Transit and the Toronto Transit Commission are free that night. The police issue warnings against impaired driving and set up road safety checks to combat impaired driving. Some jurisdictions in Ontario even make parking in their municipal parking lots free for the night. Governments at many levels have spent millions of dollars advocating that people not drive while impaired. These are all sound practices that make our community safer on this annual occasion. Parking policies and parking enforcement can contribute to these important safety practices for New Year's Eve.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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