

Parking Amendments - George Street South

Date: April 11, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 13, Toronto Centre

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending that the existing parking prohibition on the east side of George Street South, between Front Street East and The Esplanade, be increased to a standing prohibition. The proposed amendment will further deter parking on this section of George Street South which will improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow and provide a safer environment for all road users.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between the posted signs and the by-lawed parking regulations. Recommendations 3 and 4 will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the east side of George Street South, between The Esplanade and a point 40 metres south of Front Street East.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit standing at all times on the east side of George Street South, between The Esplanade and a point 40 metres south of Front Street East.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on both sides of George Street South, between The Esplanade and Front Street East.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, at a rate of \$4.25 per hour and for a maximum period of three hours, on the east side of George Street South, between The Esplanade and Front Street East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of the Toronto Police Service - Parking Enforcement Unit, requested that the parking prohibition on the east side of George Street South, between Front Street East and The Esplanade, be increased to a standing prohibition to further deter parking on this section of roadway. This parking amendment will help maintain unobstructed traffic flow and will also create clear sightlines, improving safety for pedestrians.

Existing Conditions

George Street South is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on George Street South, within the subject section, are as follows:

East side

- No stopping, anytime, between Front Street East and a point 40 metres south
- No parking, anytime, between The Esplanade and a point 40 metres south of Front Street East

West side

- No stopping, anytime, between Front Street East and a point 40 metres south
- Parking machines, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, between The Esplanade and a point 40 metres south of Front Street East
- Permit parking, from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, between The Esplanade and a point 40 metres south of Front Street East
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times

Transportation Services staff conducted field observations on February 12, 2025, during the morning and afternoon periods. Staff observed no on-street parking taking place on this section of George Street South. It was noted that sightlines and unobstructed traffic flow would be affected if motorists parked on this roadway, potentially impacting traffic operations and safety for all road users.

Proposed Changes

Under the existing no parking, anytime regulation on this section of George Street South, vehicles displaying an accessible parking permit are exempt from this prohibition. As a result, the Ward Councillor has received numerous complaints from area residents of vehicles parked on this roadway displaying accessible parking permits, obstructing traffic flow, sightlines and impacting safety for all road users. Transportation Services, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and Toronto Police Services - Parking Enforcement Unit, recommends that the existing parking prohibition on this section of George Street South be increased to no standing anytime. Under this regulation motorists, including those displaying an accessible parking permit, are not allowed to park but can pick-up/drop-off passengers only. In addition, under the current parking regulation (no parking, anytime) one can legally load/unload goods. This curbside activity will be eliminated with this parking proposal.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - George Street South

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