

**Amendment of the Whole Bearing New Title 9/18/03
RESOLUTION NO.**

FILE NO. 030808

1 [Motorcycle Sidewalk Parking Policy]

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3 Resolution urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to prioritize the accommodation of
4 scooters and motorcycles in the Department's planning and enforcement polices, to
5 consistently ticket cars parked on sidewalks, and to create adequate motorcycle parking.
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7 WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, like bicyclists, mass transit riders and pedestrians,
8 contribute to reducing traffic congestion and to reducing the amount of space dedicated to
9 storage of private vehicles and, therefore, make this city more livable and affordable; and

10 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors asked to Office of the Legislative Analyst to
11 conduct on assessment of motorcycle parking in San Francisco; and,

12 Whereas, The Office of the Legislative Analyst concluded there is very limited safe,
13 legal parking for motorcycles; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Office of the Legislative Analyst found that there were only 1696
15 designated motorcycle parking spaces for the 15,959 registered motorcycles in San
16 Francisco; and,

17 WHEREAS, The inadequate number of motorcycle parking spaces is exacerbated by
18 the location of these spaces; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Office of the Legislative Analyst found that motorcycles are
20 concentrated in Districts Two, Five, and Seven yet the parking spaces are concentrated in
21 Districts Three and Six; and,

22 WHEREAS, The increase in sidewalk parking fines to \$100 passed by the Board of
23 Supervisors was intended to address the serious problem of cars blocking the sidewalk
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1 WHEREAS, Federal Law requires City Governments to keep sidewalks clear of
2 obstructions, including but not limited to parked vehicles, such that disabled persons are not
3 impeded by such obstructions; and,

4 WHEREAS, State law prohibits the parking of vehicles on any portion of the sidewalk;
5 and,

6 WHEREAS, It is often possible for motorcycles to park on large sidewalks, between
7 poles, trees, garbage cans or tucked under bay windows, in such a manner that they do not
8 impede the right-of-way of pedestrians or disabled persons; and,

9 WHEREAS, It is not possible for cars to park on sidewalks in such a way that they do
10 not impede the right-of-way of pedestrians or disabled persons; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Department of Parking and Traffic Enforcement Division must
12 prioritize its existing parking enforcement resources to balance the various needs of the
13 community; and,

14 WHEREAS, The City's enforcement capacity is finite and each parking ticket written to
15 a motorcycle which is parked on a sidewalk but is not impeding the right of way of pedestrians
16 or disabled persons means that one less ticket will be written to a vehicle which is parked on
17 a sidewalk and is impeding the right of way of pedestrians or disabled persons; and,

18 WHEREAS, By prioritizing the enforcement of vehicles which impede the right of way
19 of disabled persons and by de-prioritizing the enforcement of Motorcycles that are parked on
20 a sidewalk in such a manner as to not impede the right of way of pedestrians or disabled
21 persons the Department will be freeing up enforcement resources which can be better utilized
22 to keep the sidewalks clear as required by Federal Law; and,

23 WHEREAS, An interim solution is needed to account for the lack of motorcycle
24 parking; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Parking and
2 Traffic to devote its sidewalk enforcement resources to the task of keeping the sidewalks
3 clear of vehicles that impede the right of way of pedestrians or disabled persons and to
4 deprioritize enforcing violations by motorcycles which do not impede the right of way of
5 pedestrians or disabled persons until such time as the department does not need its full
6 enforcement resources to keep the sidewalks clear as required by Federal and State Law;
7 and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
9 Parking and Traffic to ticket all motorcycles parked on the sidewalk that impede the right-of-
10 way of pedestrians or disabled persons or create a health or safety hazard; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
12 Parking and Traffic to ticket all cars that are parked on the sidewalk, irrespective or whether a
13 complaint has been received; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
15 Parking and Traffic to make aggressive efforts to create adequate amounts of safe on-street
16 parking in residential and commercial districts proportionate to the distribution of motorcycles;
17 and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors asks the Department of
19 Parking and Traffic to report back to the Board in eight months time as to the continued need
20 for the enforcement priorities laid out in this resolution.

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