

1 [Motorcycle Sidewalk Parking Policy]

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Resolution urging the new director of the Department of Parking and Traffic to continue the policy of decriminalizing responsible parking of motorcycles on sidewalks to the extent that they do not impede pedestrians.

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, like bicyclists, mass transit riders and pedestrians, contribute to reducing traffic congestion and make this city more livable; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycles are an affordable vehicular alternative to cars; and,

WHEREAS, There is very limited safe, legal parking for motorcycles; and,

WHEREAS, It is often possible for motorcycles to park on large sidewalks, between poles, trees, garbage cans or tucked under bay windows, in such a manner that they do not impede pedestrian right-of-ways; and,

WHEREAS, No vehicle should block the sidewalk and sidewalk parking fines were increased to \$100 to address the very serious problem of cars blocking sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, The California Vehicle Code does not differentiate between a car and a motorcycle; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco cannot override state law to make it legal for motorcycles to park on the sidewalk; and,

WHEREAS, Precedent exists for non-enforcement of state laws on a small scale with parking bicycles on the sidewalk and; and,

1 WHEREAS, Under the direction of Fred Hamdum, the Department of Parking and
2 Traffic has had a policy of decriminalizing motorcycle parking on sidewalks, to the extent that
3 it does not impede pedestrians; and,

4 WHEREAS, Gerald Norman will be replacing Fred Hamdum as executive director the
5 Department of Parking and Traffic; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Parking and
7 Traffic to continue its policy of decriminalizing motorcycle parking on sidewalks, where it does
8 not impede pedestrians.

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