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OANA Request for intelligent Street Cleaning frequency

The Old Astoria Neighborhood Association requests that legislation be introduced to change the irresponsible way street-cleaning frequency is determined by the Department of Sanitation of NYC.

We have tried for many years through direct interaction with Sanitation and other government entities such as CB1 to alleviate our issues of litter and garbage on our streets, and also the parking of vehicles for extended periods of time. (This is because there is no alternate street parking regulations on many streets). Despite the active support of CB1 and the office of Councilman Costas Constantanides, we have been unsuccessful.

Current regulations insist that street cleaning be done 2 times per week on each side of the street. (For a total of 4 passes each week). This is regardless of need. It is just determined by a blanket policy for an extended physical area, most often determined by a Community Board District. Because of this, the local residents have not agreed to this service by the city. Petitions have been forwarded to DOS asking for street cleaning but asking that it only be done once a week per side, for a total of 2 times per week. However, DSNY will not honor this request.

We ask that each neighborhood be studied individually to determine need. We also ask that, unless a specific need is determined, all residential neighborhoods default to 2 passes per week total. (1 on each side). If after a period of time it seems that this is not sufficient, the neighborhood can be warned it would be changed to 4 times per week (Twice on each side). If after this warning the need still exists, the frequency can be changed.



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This way, street cleaning can start on every street, significantly improving the quality of life and health of local residents. After a period of time proper levels of service will be determined for each street.

We are afflicted with many streets that are never cleaned, with cars sitting for months at a time. This negatively affects our health and hurts business because of lack of parking turnover. Also, because of all the residential development going on parking for residents is at a premium, and having parking taken for extended times, often by non-residents, is intolerable.

The current regulations are counter intuitive and a disincentive. They cause residents not to accept street cleaning at all. (No one wants to have to move his or her car up to 4 times per week, for no good reason).

Intelligent allocation of resources, especially street cleaning and parking, is essential in creating the quality of life we all deserve

Councilman Costas Constantanides has indicated his continued support of this issue and is working towards a resolution.

We look forward to the changes we all deserve.

Regards

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