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Subject: motorcycle parking fairness in city of Hamilton

Importance: High

Dear Mayor and Ward Councilors;

I would first like to thank you for taking the time to read this email, I will keep it short.

I would like to address Motorcycle Parking in Hamilton.

In areas such as Locke Street and at City Hall they use the new Purchase a ticket and put it on your dash system. This seems like a great system except for when parking a motorcycle. I have purchased a ticket put it on my bike, but someone stole the ticket, or it got blown away. I got a ticket from the city, when went down to contest this they were very helpful and under stood and canceled the ticket. I ask what was I to do in the future. They said take the paid ticket from the machine and keep it with me. Now I will still possibly get a ticket from the city, but just bring it in and they will cancel it.

Now this not fair for any biker, that we have to come down to have this done take time out of a work day , we need to pay parking again to go into the parking office and then have the ticket reversed.

I have a solution for this, I have done my research and in Toronto where these parking systems are used they let Motorcycles park at no cost. They recognize the problem and are using a fair solution. This also encourages use of bikes since they use less gas and better on the environment.

I have attached a like to city of Toronto and there policy about this.

I would like the city of Hamilton to adopt a similar rule in all fairness.

Toronto did this in 2005

http://www.toronto.ca/council_highlights/2005/102605.htm

Motorcycle parking

Operators of motorcycles will benefit from a decision to give them free parking on Toronto streets. Council agreed to amend City bylaws in order to exempt motorcycles from parking fees at on-street parking meters/machines. The rationale is that parking receipts tend to disappear from parked motorcycles, resulting in unwarranted parking fines. Council also wants the Toronto Parking Authority to consider designating areas for motorcycle parking at its parking lots.

here is the bylaw

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CITY OF TORONTO
BY-LAW No. 928-2005

Below is the link

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/2005/law0928.pdf>

Please get back to me so I know how we can put this in to effect
ASAP

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