

**Resolution for the Installation of “No Idling” Signs in Truck Loading Commercial Zones within Community Board 9**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Community Board 9 are exposed to elevated levels of environmental pollution due to the continuous idling of engines by commercial vehicles and trucks in truck loading zones, contributing to poor air quality and adverse health effects;

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 9 has been identified as having one of the highest incidences of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases in Manhattan, a situation exacerbated by the harmful emissions from idling vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, the detrimental health impacts of vehicular emissions disproportionately affect communities of color within Community Board 9, highlighting a critical environmental justice issue that aligns with broader Social Determinants of Health (SDOH);

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) possesses the authority to install traffic control devices, including signage that prohibits vehicle idling, to protect public health and improve environmental conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the enforcement of anti-idling regulations falls under the purview of the New York City Police Department (NYPD), necessitating clear and visible signage to facilitate effective enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive signage that includes information on the health risks associated with idling and the potential fines for non-compliance can serve as a powerful deterrent and educational tool;

**WHEREAS**, idling vehicles not only contribute to air pollution but also to noise pollution, further diminishing the quality of life for residents of Community Board 9;

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of vehicle idling is in line with New York City’s broader sustainability and environmental goals, aiming to decrease carbon emissions and combat climate change;

**WHEREAS**, the lack of “No Idling” signage in commercial truck loading zones creates ambiguity and hinders the enforcement efforts of the NYPD, leading to continued environmental and health hazards;

**WHEREAS**, the installation of “No Idling” signs in all commercial truck loading zones within Community Board 9 would provide uniformity and clarity, ensuring that drivers are aware of the regulations and the consequences of non-compliance;

**WHEREAS**, community engagement and education on the importance of reducing idling can complement the installation of signage, fostering a community-wide effort to improve air quality and public health;

**WHEREAS**, a partnership between Community Board 9, the DOT, and the NYPD in addressing this issue would exemplify a collaborative approach to urban environmental management and public health protection;

**WHEREAS**, timely action is needed to mitigate the ongoing health risks associated with vehicular idling, particularly in light of the global emphasis on reducing air pollution and its associated health burdens;

***NOW, THEREFORE,***

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 9 formally requests the New York City Department of Transportation to initiate the installation of "No Idling" signs, clearly stating the prohibition and potential fines for violations, in all commercial truck loading zones within its jurisdiction;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these signs be strategically and prominently placed to ensure maximum visibility and awareness, contributing significantly to the reduction of vehicular idling and its harmful emissions in Community Board 9;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the New York City Department of Transportation and the New York City Police Department work in close coordination to enforce anti-idling regulations effectively, thereby enhancing the health and well-being of the residents of Community Board 9;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 9 commits to engaging with local businesses, truck drivers, and the wider community to raise awareness about the health and environmental impacts of idling, and to promote compliance with the new signage;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 9 shall engage large landlords, businesses, and recipients of cargo within the community to advocate for and support the enforcement of no-idling regulations, recognizing their significant role in the supply chain and their potential to influence truck idling behaviors positively. This engagement will include educational outreach, collaboration on enforcement strategies, and encouragement of sustainable practices that contribute to the reduction of idling and improvement of air quality and public health within Community Board 9;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be disseminated to relevant city officials, departments, and agencies to underscore the critical need for immediate action to address the pressing health and environmental issues associated with vehicle idling in Community Board 9.

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**Resolution on Combatting the Critical Threat of  
Rechargeable Battery Fires to Protect Our Community**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of our community members are of paramount importance and should be prioritized above all interests;

**WHEREAS**, there has been a noticeable increase in fires within our community, many of which have been attributed to the improper storage and handling of rechargeable batteries;

**WHEREAS**, such fires have led to the displacement of numerous families, inflicted injuries, and, tragically, resulted in loss of life, with all such consequences being entirely preventable;

**WHEREAS**, the frequency of these fires is disproportionately higher in communities of color, notably within Community Board 9, highlighting a grave concern for social and environmental justice;

**WHEREAS**, the lack of strict enforcement and clear guidelines regarding the storage and use of rechargeable batteries in residential buildings has contributed to this pressing issue;

**WHEREAS**, there exists an urgent need for a dedicated task force equipped with clear guidelines and sufficient authority to prevent the use of unsafe rechargeable batteries in residential settings;

**WHEREAS**, landlords bear a critical responsibility in ensuring the safety of their properties and must be held accountable for preventing the presence of hazardous rechargeable batteries within their buildings;

**WHEREAS**, the rise of battery-operated bikes, predominantly used by gig workers, has further exacerbated the risks associated with rechargeable batteries, necessitating immediate attention and action;

**WHEREAS**, businesses and applications employing gig workers who utilize battery-operated bikes must also assume responsibility for ensuring that their workers comply with safety standards and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a comprehensive inspection system by the City could significantly mitigate the risks associated with rechargeable batteries and enhance overall community safety;

**WHEREAS**, community awareness and education on the proper use and storage of rechargeable batteries are crucial in preventing future incidents;

**WHEREAS**, the collaboration between City officials, community leaders, and stakeholders is essential in developing and implementing effective solutions;

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of technological and safety innovations should be encouraged to reduce the reliance on potentially hazardous rechargeable batteries;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to provide support and resources to those affected by fires caused by rechargeable batteries, ensuring their swift and compassionate recovery;

**WHEREAS**, the enforcement of existing regulations and the introduction of stricter guidelines are necessary to address this critical issue effectively;

**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the members of Manhattan Community Board 9, call upon the City authorities to take immediate and stronger action to address the issue of rechargeable battery safety;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a specialized task force be established to formulate and enforce clear guidelines aimed at preventing the use of unsafe rechargeable batteries in residential buildings and ensuring the compliance of all stakeholders, including landlords and businesses;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City develops and implements an inspection system to oversee and ensure compliance with safety regulations, particularly among gig workers using battery-operated bikes;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to relevant City officials, community boards, and stakeholders to galvanize action and support for these crucial measures.

Federal standard for e-bikes  
Regulate batteries  
Delivery workers