



**Council Member Inquiry/Motion Form**  
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Deputy City Manager, Community & Protective Services

**Subject/Objet :**

Inquiry No. TRC-13-07 – 2 May 2007 from Councillor Doucet  
**Motorcycle Parking Permits (Doucet)**

**Inquiry/Demande de renseignements :**

At the meeting of Transportation Committee on 2 May 2007, Councillor Doucet put forth the following inquiry:

“**Whereas:** Motorcycles cannot secure current parking permits in manner which is guaranteed not to be tampered with because they are on the outside of the vehicle;

**Inquiry:** What other options such as stickers or an exemption for motorcycles would be feasible to address the problem of permits not staying on a motorcycle?”

c.c. Councillor McRae, Chair, Transportation Committee  
Councillor Doucet, Capital Ward

**Response/Réponse :**

30 May 2007

RTS #: 27908

Mayor and Members of Council:

Securing on-street parking permits to motorcycles is an issue that the Department is aware of, and consequently remedial measures were investigated and implemented.

To address the problem with regard to on-street parking permits, Parking Control Officers have been equipped with ticket issuing handheld devices that have vehicle license plate numbers stored within its internal memory. Individuals who have been issued an on-street parking permit provide their vehicle's license plate number and this license plate number is entered into the unit's memory – the uploading of license plate numbers into the units is done daily. Consequently if an officer comes upon a vehicle without a displayed on-street parking permit they can search for the plate number in the handheld unit.

Another measure that has been put in place is the distribution of free plastic sleeves, similar to luggage tags, wherein a permit could be placed and clearly displayed. Accompanied with the free plastic holder is a “ziptie” which secures the plastic sleeve to the motorcycle. This measure was derived from consultation with the motorcyclists who expressed concern about affixing a holder with adhesives or by modification to their vehicle.

The distribution points are currently at all of the City's Client Service Centres and the ByWard Market Kiosk. In addition, Parking Control Officers have been supplied with the sleeves and “zipties” and provide them to individuals they encounter on the street who are experiencing difficulty securing a permit to their motorcycle. Should individuals wish to know where to obtain these sleeves the distribution locations are listed on “Ottawa.ca.” website

Although some motorcyclists are adamant about not using adhesives or modifying their vehicles, some of the motorcycles evidenced on street have their permits secured this way.

To reply to the provision of an exemption, or free parking, for motorcycles and scooters the Traffic and Parking Operations Branch staff consulted with other Departments and the following comments were provided by staff of the Environmental Sustainability Division:

“Staff explored and abandoned a similar proposal for free or preferential parking for fuel-efficient cars. The response from the City's Environmental Advisory Committee was that the City should not be providing subsidies for people who can afford to purchase a vehicle, when the even more environmentally friendly modes of transit, walking and cycling were not receiving additional subsidy. It would be very difficult to recommend free parking for motorcycles when Council has just approved another increase in transit fares.”

This Department supports these comment and therefore does not recommend the provision of free parking for motorcycles or scooters.

Original signed by

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c.c. Director, Traffic and Parking Operations Branch  
Co-ordinator, Transportation Committee