

San Francisco’s sidewalks are chronically obstructed by automobiles, creating an unsafe and unsightly walking environment. The parking of cars on sidewalks is illegal but the law is unevenly enforced and is usually complaint-based.

WHEREAS, sidewalks, which are legally defined as the areas of a street between a property line and a curb, are dedicated to provide clear passage for people,

WHEREAS, [California Vehicle Code Section 22500F](#) prohibits stopping a vehicle – including motorcycles – on “any portion” of the sidewalk,

WHEREAS, The sidewalk is not a part of the residential driveway,

WHEREAS, sidewalk parking violates the rights of those with disabilities to use the sidewalks free of hazards established in the Americans With Disabilities Act,

WHEREAS, Parents with strollers and people in wheelchairs must unsafely navigate around parked cars,

WHEREAS, pedestrians must walk in the street to circumnavigate illegally parked cars on the sidewalk,

WHEREAS, in addition to the physical obstruction for the disabled, children, the elderly walking on the sidewalks, parked vehicles are also the source of hazardous leakage of toxic fluids,

WHEREAS, sidewalks are not designed to support the weight of a vehicle and the repeated stress of parking on them causes damage over time,

WHEREAS, civic organizations have been advocating for sidewalk parking enforcement for over twenty years,

WHEREAS, sidewalk parking, like broken windows proliferates when not abated leading to diminishment of safety and neighborhood wellbeing,

WHEREAS, the sidewalk is a part of the public commons belonging to the community at large and is not intended as a place to store private property,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city shall vigorously enforce the existing laws as they relate to sidewalk obstruction on a consistently PROACTIVE basis in all parts of the city.