

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Newsrack Enforcement Initiative

WHEREAS: The proliferation of newsracks has created cluttered, dangerous, un sanitary and unsightly condition in Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: The owners of various publications distributed by the newsracks have largely failed to maintain their newsracks according to applicable regulation, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Transportation has not effectively enforced newsrack regulations because of deficiencies in the current law and lack of personnel, and

WHEREAS: Use of the 311 system for complaints about unlawfully placed or improperly maintained newsracks has not produced meaningful results, and

WHEREAS: Other Cities have enacted legislation limiting the number of newsracks on each corner, mandating size, appearance, maintenance and other requirements and have imposed fair licensing fees to fund enforcement activities, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One requests that:

1. The City Council review the existing New York City newsrack law and study legislation in other municipalities and, if warranted, amend the New York City newsrack law to curb current abuses and unsafe conditions on our sidewalks,
2. The Department of Transportation provide sufficient administrative and personnel resources to satisfactorily enforce the newsrack regulations,
3. The Office of the Mayor take necessary action to encourage and enable the Department of Transportation to more promptly and effectively respond to 311 newsrack complaints.