

FREE MOTORCYCLE PARKING PETITION
To the Mayor and Council of the City of Ottawa

Whereas, the popularity of motorcycles as a daily form of transportation is skyrocketing and there are over 11,000 licenced motorcyclists in the City of Ottawa alone;

Whereas, motorcycles have been shown to reduce pollution, reduce traffic congestion, reduce parking congestion, and reduce roadway wear and tear, which results in lower costs for roadway repair and maintenance, reduces the need for new roadways, and reduces the need for large parking lots and parking structures – land which could instead be used for more shops and restaurants, parks and green space, or child recreation areas; and,

Whereas, the City of Ottawa has numerous on-street locations that are currently designated as no parking zones simply because there is not room for a full automobile parking space, which by utilizing these otherwise unusable parking areas, the City can effectively increase the number of parking spaces downtown with little or no cost, and without the sacrifice of metered spaces, and can accomplish this without reducing any current on-street automobile parking spaces while at the same time increasing the number of patrons for area shops and businesses; and,

Whereas, there are many cities around the world utilizing these concepts to offer free motorcycle parking, including the City of Toronto, while also recognizing the near impossibility of securely fashioning pay parking information to a motorcycle; and,

Whereas, based on the above principles, the 50 percent discount for motorcycle parking offered by the City of Ottawa is a dysfunctional and poorly conceived initiative:

We the undersigned citizens, residents, employees, military veterans, consumers, and visitors of the City of Ottawa, petition the Mayor and Council of the City of Ottawa to establish free off street motorcycle parking in all municipal public parking lots; and,

We further petition the Mayor and Council of the City of Ottawa to create free on-street motorcycle parking, utilizing appropriate current no parking zones and between currently marked metered zones and such additional locations elsewhere as the City of Ottawa may determine.

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NOTE: The petition must be free from erasures or additions to the text. Sixteen (16) years of age or older requirement. Please mail or bring petitions by Friday, September 30, 2011 with signatures to: Society of Ottawa Area Riders, c/o 3190 Swansea Crescent, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3W4