

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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### PEDESTRIANS DEMAND PROPER BEHAVIOR ON NEW YORK CITY SIDE-WALKS

AS PEDESTRIANS, MOST OF US HAVE BEEN OUTRAGED BY THE RUDE AND OFFENSIVE SIDE-WALK BEHAVIOR WE ENCOUNTER ON A DAILY BASIS. WE ARE LIVING IN THE MIDST OF A SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS BREAKDOWN OF ETIQUETTE, COMMON DECENCY AND COURTESY TOWARD FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS. CLEARLY IT IS TIME FOR PEDESTRIANS TO BAN TOGETHER TO PUT A HALT TO THIS BARBARIC UNCIVILIZED BEHAVIOR.

WE, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND THE UNDERSIGNED PETITIONERS, TAKE CIVIC PRIDE IN OUR GREAT CITY AND WE FEEL THAT STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO PUT A STOP TO THIS PERVERSE DECLINE OF HUMAN VALUES. WE DEMAND ENFORCEABLE LAWS AND WE DEMAND THAT A CIVILIAN TASK FORCE BE FORMED TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE FORCE TO LEVY FINES AND PENALTIES AGAINST OFFENDERS. REPEAT OFFENDERS MUST BE FORCED TO ATTEND SIDE-WALK ETIQUETTE SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

WE MUST BRING RESPECT AND ORDER BACK TO OUR SIDE-WALKS. WE MUST RID THE STREETS OF THIS UNCONSCIONABLE BEHAVIOR, NOT ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF THE YOUNG, THE AGED AND THE HANDICAPPED, BUT FOR THE COMMON PEDESTRIAN AS WELL.

WE HEREBY PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING RULES MADE LEGAL, BINDING AND ENFORCEABLE. FOR ONLY AFTER WE HAVE LEGISLATED THESE RULES INTO EXISTENCE CAN WE EXPECT A BETTER NEW YORK CITY, WHICH WILL SET A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR ALL OTHER METROPOLITAN AREAS. FURTHERMORE, IF WE CAN MAINTAIN EXAMPLES OF DECENCY IN THE STREETS, IT SHOULD BE EASIER TO MAINTAIN AT HOME.

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- 1) SIDE-WALKS SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONAL LANES:
  - A) SLOW LANE
  - B) FAST LANE
  - C) PASSING LANE
  - D) TWO-WAY WINDOW SHOPPING LANE
- 2) PEDESTRIANS MUST CHOOSE ONE LANE AND STAY IN IT.
- 3) PEDESTRIANS MUST STAY IN THEIR PROPER LANE WHEN TURNING CORNERS.
- 4) NO LANE CHANGING EXCEPT TO PASS.
- 5) NO CHANGING DIRECTIONS EXCEPT AT ASSIGNED AREAS.
- 6) PEOPLE EXITING STORES OR DOORS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.
- 7) AT INTERSECTIONS, PEDESTRIANS TO THE RIGHT HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.
- 8) NO STOPPING (OR LOITERING) WHILE WALKING EXCEPT WHEN IN SHOPPING LANE.
- 9) NO SITTING ON THE SIDE-WALK.
- 10) NO CROSSING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK.
- 11) PEDESTRIANS MAY CROSS THE STREET AT GREEN LIGHTS ONLY.
- 12) ALL SHOPPING AND LAUNDRY CARTS MUST HAVE THEIR WHEELS WELL OILED.
- 13) NO SPITTING OR LITTERING.
- 14) NO RADIO PLAYING EXCEPT WALKMANS.
- 15) NO SKATEBOARDS, POGO STICKS, ROLLER SKATES OR BICYCLES.
- 16) NO RUNNING.
- 17) NO CONSUMING OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.
- 18) NO TRASH PICKING.
- 19) NO POSTING OF HAND-BILLS OR POSTERS.
- 20) NO SOLICITING OR DISTRIBUTING OF HAND-BILLS.
- 21) NO SPRAY PAINTING, STENCILING, GRAFFITI, OR DEFACING PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY.
- 22) NO GESTICULATING WHILE WALKING.
- 23) NO WALKING MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE ABREAST UNLESS OBESE, THEN SINGLE FILE ONLY.
- 24) ALL CHILDREN MUST HOLD ONTO AN ADULT OR STROLLER.
- 25) NO READING WHILE WALKING.
- 26) NO EATING WHILE WALKING.
- 27) NO SHORT PEOPLE WITH UMBRELLAS UNLESS HELD AT MINIMUM HEIGHT OF 5'10".
- 28) PEDESTRIANS MUST APOLOGIZE IF THEY ACCIDENTLY TOUCH OR BUMP INTO SOMEONE.
- 29) PEDESTRIANS MUST EITHER AVOID EYE CONTACT OR WALK WITH A SMILE.

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- 30) NO HIGH HEELS ALLOWED OVER SUBWAY GRATES.
- 31) NO HEELS HIGHER THAN 3 INCHES.
- 32) NO CAT-CALLS, HOOTING, WHISTLING OR YELLING.
- 33) NO STEPPING ON CRACKS OR WET CEMENT.
- 34) NO BEGGARS OR MUSICIANS EXCEPT IN ASSIGNED AREAS.
- 35) NO SINGING OR CHANTING EXCEPT IN ASSIGNED AREAS.
- 36) NO FOOD VENDORS EXCEPT IN ASSIGNED AREAS.
- 37) JOGGING IN ASSIGNED AREAS ONLY.
- 38) NO JOGGING WITHOUT A BRASSIERE OR JOCK STRAP.
- 39) PICKETERS AND STRIKERS MUST USE SLOW LANE ONLY.
- 40) NO LONG LEASHES ON PETS. PETS MUST HEEL.
- 41) NO WALKING MORE THAN ONE DOG AT A TIME.
- 42) DOGS MAY BE WALKED DURING ASSIGNED HOURS ONLY: 6:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. AND 10:00 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.
- 43) NO TETHERING DOGS OUTSIDE OF SHOPS TO PARKING METERS, POLES, FENCES, ETC.
- 44) ALL ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED AND ATTENDED.
- 45) SMOKERS MUST HOLD CIGARETTES CLOSE TO BODY.
- 46) NO SMOKING IN A CROWD OR MOVIE LINE.
- 47) NO CIGARS OR PIPES.
- 48) MOVIE AND THEATRE GOERS MUST LINE UP ONLY 15 MINUTES BEFORE START OF SHOW AND MUST CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING STRICT RULES:
  - A) LINE MUST HUG CLOSE TO BUILDING EXCEPT FOR DOORWAYS OR STOOPS WHICH MUST REMAIN UNOBSTRUCTED.
  - B) NO LOUD TALKING.
  - C) NO STANDING MORE THAN 2 ABREAST.
  - D) OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE PEOPLE MUST STAND IN SINGLE FILE.
  - E) AT INTERMISSIONS, SIDEWALKS MUST REMAIN CLEAR.
- 49) PEOPLE WEARING BRIGHT OR FLASHY CLOTHING MUST USE FAST LANE ONLY (THIS INCLUDES MADRAS AND PLAIDS).
- 50) OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE PEOPLE MUST WEAR LOOSE CLOTHING (RISKÉ CLOTHING NOT ALLOWED).
- 51) NO WEARING DARK SUNGLASSES AT NIGHT.
- 52) NO SITTING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S STOOP.
- 53) NO PUBLIC URINATING OR DEFECATING.
- 54) NO FISHING THROUGH SIDEWALK SUBWAY GRATES FOR LOOSE CHANGE.
- 55) NO FEEDING PIGEONS OR ANIMALS EXCEPT IN PARKS.

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- 56) ALL FOOD DELIVERIES (PIZZA, CHINESE FOOD, OR GROCERIES) MUST USE FAST LANE.
- 57) SIGHTSEERS MUST USE SLOW LANE AND MUST RESTRICT LOOKING UP TO CORNERS AND INTERSECTIONS ONLY.
- 58) NO POINTING ALLOWED.
- 59) PEDESTRIANS CAN HAIL OR DEPART FROM A CAB AT ASSIGNED TAXI AREAS ONLY (EVERY TWO BLOCKS). IF TAXI AREA IS CROWDED, PEDESTRIANS MUST TAKE NUMBERS.
- 60) SIDE-WALK MERCHANDISE PEDDLERS IN ASSIGNED AREAS ONLY.
- 61) STORES MAY NOT USE SIDE-WALKS FOR DISPLAYS OR SALES.
- 62) NO GAMBLING (3 CARD MONTE, ETC.)
- 63) SIDE-WALK CAFES ARE TO RESTRICT WAITERS TO RESTAURANT SPACE ONLY. NO SERVING CUSTOMERS FROM PEDESTRIANS' SIDE-WALK.
- 64) NO INCENSE BURNING.
- 65) NO HOGGING PUBLIC TELEPHONES. CALLERS MUST RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO A 2 CALL MINIMUM LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES EACH.
- 66) PEDESTRIANS MUST LOOK WHERE THEY ARE GOING WHILE WALKING.

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