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Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
40 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

RE: Emergency Vehicle only-parking in front of 508 West 26th Street (south side of the street, between 10th and 11th Avenues)

Dear Commissioner Forgione:

Manhattan Community Board #4 requests that the parking regulations for the approximately 95' between the two loading docks in front of 508 West 26th Street (south side of the street between 10th and 11th Avenues) be changed from the current "No Standing Except Truck Loading and Unloading Monday to Friday" to "Emergency Vehicle Parking only, 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday).

The Raymond Naftali Ambulatory Center for Rehabilitation Center, in response to the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital, will be adding several services, including primary care, pediatrics programs, endocrinology, diabetes treatment, and rheumatology. These services are expected to increase their number of patients from their current 12,500 to 50,000. A majority of their current clients, and many of their additional clients, have physical disabilities that impair their mobility and thus arrive by ambulette or Access-A-Ride. In addition, some of their new services will require responding to emergencies. The increased services and patient load justifies the change in parking in front of their building. We note that the Center has contacted their surrounding neighbors, who did not object to this change.

As always, we appreciate your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

John Weis
Chair
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cc: Raymond Naftali Ambulatory Center For Rehabilitation