

Whereas, However, current implementation of section 1146 has been limited because of the requirement that a police officer witness the incident in order to issue a traffic infraction; and

Whereas, During a 30-day period in February and March 2013 there were five instances of a motorist hitting a pedestrian on a sidewalk, resulting in three deaths and two serious injuries; and

Whereas, On September 12, 2013 five children were injured in Maspeth, Queens when an SUV hit them while they were walking on the sidewalk; and

Whereas, In light of the inexcusable and serious nature of driving on the sidewalk and the dangerous conditions it creates, violating §1225-a of the Vehicle and Traffic Law should be a misdemeanor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation making driving on the sidewalk a misdemeanor.

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