

While the City plan does not address parking permits and placards, the Alternatives Approaches [plan](#) of Keep NYC Congestion Tax Free does just that.

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PARKING PERKS AMOK

MOTLEY CREW LANDS DOT PERMITS



November 25, 2007 -- -- MOTORISTS already upset about pervasive privileged parkers are really going to be steaming when they learn the city has issued permits to agencies that include the state lottery, the Navy, 13 City University colleges and the government of Puerto Rico.

The first detailed breakdown of the parking placards distributed by the Department of Transportation, obtained by The Post through the Freedom of Information Law, revealed that 149 separate government entities had qualified for permits this year.

Among them were:

- * The US Postal Service, which is using 289 of its 326 authorized permits, mostly so supervisors can monitor mail delivery. But one permit went to a "videographer" who, spokeswoman Monica Hand said, provides programming to cable stations about postal topics.
- * The state lottery collected 38 of 46 authorized permits so that sales reps could deliver lottery tickets and terminals to retailers.
- * The Navy recruiting office qualified for 110 permits, while the Air Force was allocated 57 and the Army just 6.
- * The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico received a permit for its Midtown office.
- * Not only did 13 CUNY colleges get permits, so did CUNY's central office.

The Post counted 8,198 permits authorized by the DOT in 2007, compared to 8,073 in 2006 and 8,235 in 2005.

John Gallagher, a mayoral spokesman, said the DOT provides permits based "on the number the requesting agency or entity says are required."

"Holders are subject to ticketing, and the number of placards are down about 3,000 since the mayor took office," he noted.

But a reporter strolling near City Hall last week found numerous permit-holders breaking the law without getting ticketed.

Several vehicles bearing permits issued to the Department of Housing, Preservation and Development hogged parking meters near the agency's offices at 100 Gold St. for more than the three hours allowed.

One permit was in a Jaguar, another in a Cadillac.

HPD spokesman Neill Coleman said both placards were used by staffers who do field work.

"We remind our employees of the rules and restrictions on permits regularly. The last agencywide e-mail was sent on Oct. 22, 2007, and noted that parking at parking meters for longer than three hours is prohibited," he said.

A traffic agent walked right by an SUV parked in a "no standing" zone on Ann Street when he spotted its DOT permit issued to the state Department of State.

Its license plates were from New Jersey.

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Placards aplenty

Parking permits authorized by NYC Dept. of Transportation	
2005	8,235
2006	8,073
2007	8,198

SELECTED AGENCIES RECEIVING PERMITS*	
Air Force Recruiting	57
Army Recruiting	6
Navy Recruiting	110
New York State Lottery	46
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	1
NYPD Internal Affairs	14
FDNY	171
US Postal Service	326
State Public Service Commission	31
US Dept. of Agriculture	46
US Dept. of Agriculture, Food Safety	43
NYC Dept. of Housing	694
NYC Dept. of Transportation	813
NYC Administration for Children's Services	591
City University	36
CUNY Colleges	63
NYC Health Dept.	334
State Health Dept.	46
NYC Human Rights Commission	17
State Div. of Human Rights	7
Insurance Fund, New York State Labor Dept.	10
MTA-Bridges & Tunnels	69
MTA-LIRR	9
State DMV	24
OTB Corp.	58
OTB Inspector General	4



* Authorized levels (No. of permits issued may be lower than authorized level)