

AUTO CLUB ASSAILS CITY PARKING PLAN

Alternate-Side-of-Street Bans Called Inconsistent Burdens to Motorists—Revisions Urged

The city's alternate-side-of-the-street parking program was criticized sharply yesterday by the Automobile Club of New York.

The organization demanded drastic revisions in the program and charged that it was being operated inefficiently and lacked uniformity. "A thorough overhaul is needed, so that it will make sense to the public and can gain its acceptance," William J. Gottlieb, club president, declared.

In a letter to Traffic Commissioner T. T. Wiley, the club asserted that the traffic agency and the Sanitation Department, co-sponsor of the parking plan, were "adding unnecessary burdens to the problems of motorists in congested residential areas." The alternation plan bans parking on one side of a street three to five hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on the opposite side on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The purpose is to free curb space so mechanized equipment of the Sanitation Department can clean that half of the street.

Keying its criticism to its theme that cars were parked on the streets because they had nowhere else to go, the organization recommended that further expansion of the alternate-side parking program be shelved until present policies were more adequately defined.

The club called for a reduction in the number of hours that parking was banned on the Lower East Side, in the Bronx and Brooklyn.

Three-hour restrictions every other day in Manhattan between Eighty-sixth and 155th Streets from river to river have proved more than sufficient, Mr. Gottlieb said. The five-hour ban in other sections should be cut or the rule revoked, he added.

He noted that the Sanitation Department had reported that it did not have sufficient reserves of manpower and equipment to work on an over-all three-hour basis. That is no justification for shifting the problem to the motorists, Mr. Gottlieb said.