West 50s Neighborhood Association

West 54-55 Street Block Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2006

Seventh Avenue Noise Camera Request

Complaint record and statutory basis, prepared for Council Member Virginia Maloney, September 18, 2026

> **The ask.** A placement request from the Council Member to the Department of Environmental Protection under Administrative Code 24-236.1(c) for a photo noise violation monitoring device on Seventh Avenue between West 52nd and West 54th Streets, with Council funding to support it. The statute obligates DEP to respond within 30 days.

The law and where the city stands

Local Law 7 of 2024, written by Council Member Keith Powers from the District 4 seat, requires "no less than 5 photo noise monitoring devices in each borough by and after September 30, 2025." DEP's 2025 annual report, published under the same law, lists **four cameras in Manhattan**: 1469 Saint Nicholas Avenue, 150 West 65th Street, 210 East 36th Street, and 510 West 41st Street. None is on the West Side between 41st and 65th Streets. None is on Seventh Avenue. The report states: *"In 2025, DEP had twelve cameras and has not received appropriations to expand the program."* Every borough is below the mandate. Of 1,691 summonses issued in 2025, 20 were dismissed.

The complaint record, Seventh Avenue at 52nd to 56th, twelve months to August 20, 2026

Measure	Count
311 Noise-Vehicle complaints in scope (7th Ave 52nd-57th plus adjacent blocks of W 55th and W 56th)	about 185
Of which on Seventh Avenue itself	about 115
Single most-complained address: 826 Seventh Avenue, between 53rd and 54th	about 60
Filed between midnight and 6 AM	55 percent
Engine idling as the descriptor	65 percent
Enforcement actions (summonses and arrests) across all complaints	6, about 3 percent

Source: NYC Open Data 311 Service Requests, dataset erm2-nwe9, pulled August 20, 2026; Community Board 5, Midtown North Precinct. The only enforcement event of note in 31 months came on July 7, 2026, when officers made three arrests and issued one summons for engine idling at 826, 828, and 843 Seventh Avenue in a single night. A camera is there every night.

On the record at Midtown North, September 15, 2026

At the Midtown North Precinct Community Council, two residents of Seventh Avenue and West 54th Street described being woken at 1:30 AM the previous night by a car rally on the avenue. A resident requested a letter of support for a noise camera from Inspector Maggie Clamp, the commanding officer. The precinct's lieutenant stated that police presence to address noise is currently limited to weekends. Council Member Carl Wilson, whose District 3 covers the west side of Seventh Avenue on these blocks, said he would look into a noise camera.

Why this location

Seventh Avenue between 46th and 54th is split between Districts 3 and 4, with District 4 on the east side. The 826 Seventh Avenue address sits at a taxi stand and a school bus staging area where backup alarms begin at 5 AM, and it is the landing point for vehicles that enter on 54th and 56th and turn south. There is no camera anywhere on the West Side of Manhattan between the Lincoln Tunnel approach at 41st and Lincoln Center at 65th.

Attached: DEP 2025 Annual Report, Noise Camera Enforcement Program (nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/air/noise/2025-annual-report-noise-camera-enforcement-program.pdf). W50s Seventh Avenue Noise Report, August 2026. Contact: Jacob van Winkle, Treasurer, jacobnyc54@gmail.com, 212-518-3162.