

Traffic Safety is the Goal

Cleaner air is the result - 停車熄匙



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Police **STEP** program

Selective Traffic Enforcement Policy

- Limited resources so Policy is to enforce traffic safety laws only if there is a **serious** traffic obstruction.

Why ? Because the Budget does not give Traffic Police enough resources to do their job



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Not enough Traffic Police

(STEP) Selective Traffic Enforcement Policy

- keep traffic moving
- prevent accidents

Not a priority

General traffic safety behaviour

“Minor” obstruction

Careless driver behavior



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Example: Mong Kok

- 250000 people enter and leave Mong Kok every day – a quarter of a million people.
- 30 traffic wardens - none on night duty
- 3 uniformed traffic police - 9 constables – 24 hour duty



我走 - “Jau la”

- 我走 - “Jau la” – Police priority is **ONLY** to keep traffic moving and prevent accidents – so if a driver is present– **under official policy** – police will not give tickets if the driver moves the vehicle



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Break the law – make money !

Taxis Loitering

Illegal pavement parking

Double parking

Triple parking

Vacating vehicle without stopping engine

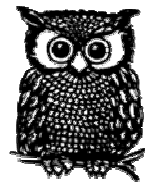
Driver in charge of a vehicle not present



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Idling - Our favorite excuses

- 去廁所 - “he went to the toilet”
- 我走 - I’m leaving - “jau la”
- “it won’t start again if I turn it off – then I’ll get in trouble”
- “if my engine is on - I’m not parked”



章：374G - 離開車輛

條 44

(1) 任何掌管在道路上的
的汽車的人，不得在
以下情況離開車輛

(a) 未有將引擎停止



香港鐵路

Bus Stop - MTR

Hang Hau Station



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Cap: 374G – Vacated Vehicle

Reg: 44

(1) No person in charge of a motor vehicle on a road shall vacate the vehicle-

(a) without having stopped the engine



西貢小巴站
Sai Kung Stop



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章 374D – 的士遊蕩

條：44

(2) 司機在掌管的士時—

(c) 如的士可供租用，不得遊蕩或將車輛停在的士站以外的其他地方，但因意外或不可避免的因由則不在此限；



東涌 香港鐵路

Tung Chung



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Cap 374D – Taxi Loitering

Reg: 44

- (2) A driver, when in charge of a taxi, shall-
- (c) while the taxi is available for hire, **not loiter** or stop elsewhere than at a taxi stand except through accident or unavoidable cause;



赤柱廣場

Stanley Plaza



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章 237 – 停放車在行人路

條： 7

(2) 任何人不得將汽車
停泊—

(a) 在行人路



雪廠街 – 中環

Ice House St

Central



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Cap 237 – Pavement parking

Sec 7

(2) No person shall park
a motor vehicle-

(a) on a pavement



香港鐵路 柴灣站

Chai Wan MTR



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More favorite excuses

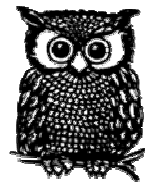
I am waiting to enter the taxi stand

- I'm doing business
- There is no free parking – and I am not willing to pay at the parking garage



Parked ?

- There is no legal definition of “parked”
- Drivers and Police both believe that if the engine is running with the driver nearby, the vehicle is not parked.



Summary

1. Police are not enforcing existing laws that would eliminate most idling - because of lack of resources
2. Any new law must also have enough money behind it to solve the Traffic Safety problems. Otherwise it will not be enforced under the STEP policy.

