

Land Use Committee Meeting  
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**Mr. Ralph Blessing from the Department of City Planning made a presentation regarding Car Sharing Zoning Text Amendment.**

What is Car sharing? Car sharing is a relatively recent concept in transportation and mobility. It allows an individual who is a registered member of a car share organization to use vehicles on an as-needed basis, typically by the hour. A member has access to a variety of vehicles that are maintained by the care share organization and stored at dispersed location.

Here is how it works if you are a member: Reserve vehicles (Via internet or phone), Go to unstaffed location (none in Brooklyn) where vehicle lives, Drive vehicle out and return to same place.

Key Characteristics of Car Sharing: Membership is open to the public. Vehicles are available on an hourly basis through self-service reservation system. Vehicles are located at unstaffed locations. Vehicles are available 24 hours per day. The company provides insurance for its members and maintains vehicles.

There is a yearly membership fee and the hourly rental when you use a car. You will be given a card once you join to access the vehicle at the location you reserved the vehicle at. For additional information go to [www.carsharing.com](http://www.carsharing.com).

Why is a Zoning Text Amendment Needed: The off- street parking regulations of zoning were written nearly a half century ago, and did not anticipate the emergence of care sharing. The proposed zoning text amendment would establish clear rules allowing car sharing vehicles to park in public parking facilities (garages and lots that serve general purpose parking), as well as in parking facilities accessory to residential, commercial, and other uses, within appropriate limitations.

The zoning text amendment will undergo a complete public review process. For additional information, call Stephen Johnson at 212 676-1367.

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