

# Metro Briefing | New York: Manhattan: City Would Require Permits For Bike Event

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Lawyers for the city asked a federal court on Monday to require leaders of the Critical Mass biking event to obtain a parade permit before embarking on monthly rides. Robin Binder, a lawyer for the city, said in a statement that the events -- in which thousands of riders come together en masse every month to promote nonpolluting transportation -- have grown in size, and disrupt traffic. The city filed the request in United States District Court in Manhattan in conjunction with a pending case, in which five cyclists say their rights were violated by the police when officers cut locks and seized their bicycles after a ride last month.

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