



City of Albany Bicycle Parking Standards

1. Applicability

These standards apply to all required Bicycle Parking Facilities as required by Section 20.28.030 of the Albany Municipal Code. All capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 28.28.030(C)(1)

2. Location

A. Short-term Bicycle Parking

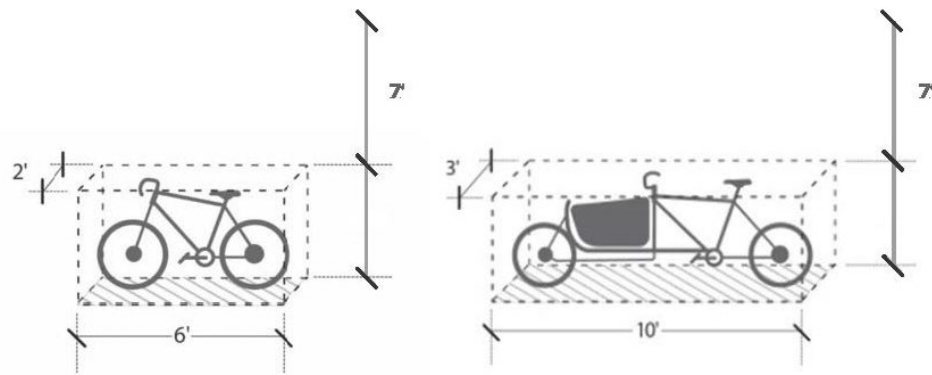
- i. Shall be located in highly visible, well-lit areas near main building entrances or along public pathways.
- ii. Shall provide safe, direct, and unobstructed rolling access from the adjacent street or path.
- iii. Shall be within 50 feet of the primary building entrance.
- iv. Shall not obstruct pedestrian movement, vehicular access, sightlines, disabled access, access to mailboxes or City-installed waste receptable bins
- v. Shall require the following clearances:
 - a. A minimum sidewalk clearance of six feet (6') shall be maintained in the Solano Commercial District and eight feet (8') along San Pablo Avenue.
 - b. A minimum sidewalk clearance of four feet (4') shall be maintained in all other districts.
 - c. Clearance measurements should include space for both the bicycle rack and the bicycles parked at it, based on an assumed bicycle size of 6 feet in length and 2 feet in width.

B. Long-term Bicycle Parking

- i. Shall be either indoors or covered and shielded from rain and direct sunlight to prevent deterioration of bicycle components.
- ii. Shall be directly accessible by bicycle through the primary building entrance or a designated bicycle entry.
- iii. Shall not require the use of stairs or require vertical lifting of bicycle for access.
- iv. Shall have access aisles and entryways that are safe, continuous, and unobstructed.

3. Size & Clearance

- A. Each bicycle parking space shall be a minimum of 2 ft × 6 ft, with a minimum vertical clearance of 7 ft for standard racks and 8 ft for two-tiered or vertical racks.
- B. Each large bicycle parking space shall a minimum of 3 ft × 10 ft with a vertical clearance of at least 7 ft and shall not require manual lifting to use.



- C. Each bicycle parking space with an electrical socket shall be accessible to horizontal bicycle parking spaces, including a portion of Large Bicycles.
- D. Access aisles between bicycle racks shall allow at least 5 ft. of clear maneuvering space.
- E. Provide ample clearance between walls, racks, and other structures to allow bicycles to move easily into and out of each parking space, and, where applicable, within the bicycle parking room.

4. Design & Dimensions

A. Rack Materials & Construction

- i. Square steel tubing is recommended to improve resistance to cutting; round tubing is generally less secure and not preferred.
- ii. A hot-dip galvanized, stainless steel, or powder-coated finish is recommended for durability. Paint is discouraged due to potential for chipping and corrosion over time.

B. Usability

- i. For short-term bicycle parking racks, bicycles shall be loaded and locked at ground level; lifting more than three inches to secure the bike is not permitted.
- ii. For short-term vertical/wall-mounted bicycle parking racks, racks shall allow at least one wheel to stay on the ground.

5. Security

A. All Bicycle Racks shall:

- i. Be permanently anchored with tamper-resistant hardware into concrete or other secure substrates.
- ii. Support the bicycle frame at two contact points without damage to wheels, frame, or other components.
- iii. Allow locking of both frame and one wheel using a standard U-lock without the

bicycle or lock resting on the ground.

B. Long-term Bicycle Parking shall:

- i. Be locked and accessible only to authorized users.
- ii. Be located in monitored areas or designed with limited entry.
- iii. Be well lit during all anticipated hours of use.
- iv. Be in a secure location such as bike rooms with key/fob access, individual lockers, or fully enclosed structures.
- v. Not rely solely on chain-link enclosures unless supplemented with controlled entry, surveillance, and reinforced perimeters.

6. Visibility & Lighting

- A. Short-term bicycle parking shall be clearly visible from pedestrian routes or building entrances and located in well-lit areas.
- B. Long-term bicycle parking signage shall clearly indicate “Bicycle Parking,” oriented to guide users to parking locations.

7. Commuter Amenities

- A. All businesses with more than fifty (50) employees located in a newly constructed building shall be required to provide the following bicycle commuter amenities on site:
 - i. Workplaces shall provide a least one shower facility per every 50 employees.
 - ii. Shower facilities shall be private, enclosed, and meet accessibility requirements.
 - iii. Each shower facility must include a private changing space with lockers, either directly adjacent to or integrated within the facility.
 - iv. Shower facilities shall be located onsite and reasonably close to bicycle parking or main employee entrances.
- B. Accessibility, Non-discrimination & Hours
 - i. All amenities shall be available to employees during their working hours, including alternative shifts.
 - ii. All facilities shall comply with applicable state and federal accessibility standards and nondiscrimination laws and must be designed to accommodate employees of all gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations.

8. Temporary Events

- A. Applicability: These standards apply to temporary events or festivals expected to exceed 1,000 simultaneous attendees, as determined during the permit application process.
- B. Requirement: Event organizers shall provide temporary short-term bicycle parking at a ratio of one (1) bicycle parking space per 100 expected simultaneous attendees.
- C. Location: Required temporary bicycle parking shall:
 - i. Be located within one block of at least one primary event entrance.
 - ii. Be monitored for the duration of the event.
 - iii. Be free of obstructions and, where feasible, located on open, flat surfaces.
 - iv. Be clearly marked and easily accessible from adjacent roadways or bikeways.
- D. Cost: Bicycle parking shall be free of charge for all event attendees.
- E. Publicity:
 - i. Event organizers shall include bicycle parking information in all event publicity materials, specifying the number of spaces available and the location of facilities.
 - ii. Bicycle parking information shall receive equal prominence as other transportation information.
- F. Data Collection: For recurring events, organizers shall track the number of bicycles parked and maintain this data to inform bicycle parking capacity for future events.

9. Signage and Visibility

- A. Clear signage shall be posted to alert and direct residents and employees to available bicycle parking facilities.
- B. Where bicycle parking spaces are equipped with electrical sockets, clear and visible signage shall be installed adjacent to each such space, indicating that the space is designated for electric bicycle use.
- C. Employers are encouraged to include commuter amenities information in new hire onboarding materials and internal communications.
- D. Signage shall comply with [MUTCD D4-3 specifications](#).

