



Pittsburgh Department of City Planning

BICYCLE PARKING OVERVIEW

YOU AND ZONING

Pittsburgh Zoning Code requires large- and medium-scale projects or change-of-use applications to include bicycle parking in their plans and final products.

This sheet is a quick breakdown of the process. Exact requirements are based on use, building size, and/or staff size. These requirements are found in the complete City of Pittsburgh Bicycle Parking Ordinance in the Pittsburgh Zoning Code Title Nine, Article VI, Section 914.05, which is available on the City of Pittsburgh's website.

Want to install a bicycle rack on the public sidewalk adjacent to your property? Go to pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/bicycleparking to view the City of Pittsburgh Bicycle Parking Guide or contact Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator Kristin Saunders at kristin.saunders@pittsburghpa.gov.

ZONING BASICS

Bicycle parking enables bicycle activity. Increased bicycle activity boosts places and districts on economic and social scales. Including bicycle parking in your site plan is an excellent opportunity for your development site to engage in Pittsburgh's ongoing growth as a bicycle-friendly city.

There are two main types of bicycle parking articulated in the zoning code: protected and unprotected. Depending on the situation, you may end up using either or both.

› **Unprotected bicycle parking** (Figures 1-3), also known as **short-term bicycle parking**, protects the bike against theft with the use of a rack that the bicycle can be secured to by its frame and one wheel.

› **Protected bicycle parking** (Figures 4-5), also known as **long-term bicycle parking**, protects the entire bike against theft and the elements, often utilizing enclosing structures or surveillance.

All bicycle parking facilities should be:

- › firmly anchored to the ground or building structure
- › impossible to cut with a pipe cutter
- › well-lit and visible to trafficked areas
- › very easy to access while walking or riding a bicycle
- › not an interference to pedestrian circulation
- › adherent to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

WHAT TO SUBMIT

- › The site or building plan
 - › That points out all on-site indoor and/or outdoor bike parking locations
- › An enlarged plan of the bicycle parking sites
 - › An elevation, section, detailed section, and a dimensioned site plan for each
- › Specifications
 - › Which illustrate that the planned parking facilities follow the Execution Guidelines

EXECUTION GUIDELINES

Provide and indicate:

- › The type of bicycle parking and style of infrastructure
- › The placement of the bicycle parking sites relative to avenues of pedestrian circulation
- › Strategically placed signage (Figure 6)
 - › prototypes available in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) so that your bicycle parking can be easily found
- › The distances between bicycle parking and surrounding objects
 - › the footprint of a bicycle rack that holds 2 bicycles is 4' by 6' (Figure 7) so that it can comfortably fit one on either side

Figure 1. U-rack standard



Figure 2. 3-Rivers rack



Figure 3. U-rack bicycle corral



Figure 4. Bicycle locker



Figure 5. Bicycle room in Bakery Square
Perelman, Danielle. 2013.
bakeryliving.com

Figure 6. MUTCD bicycle parking sign



Figure 7. Bicycle rack footprint

RACKS SHOULD BE CENTERED IN 4' X 6' OF CLEAR SPACE. THIS WAY THE RACK CAN SUPPORT TWO BICYCLES, ONE ON EACH SIDE.

