



RECOMMENDATION

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation Number 20180619-06C: Bike Parking

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle;

WHEREAS, missing or inadequate bicycle parking reduces the number of people riding bicycles;

WHEREAS, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) offers compliance information documents to aid permit applicants, contractors, and engineers in complying with regulations, codes, and practices;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that the following measures be implemented:

- Make public the “grandfathered” cutoff date for current bicycle parking requirements. Extract a list of all businesses, land development projects, or improvement projects that came into existence or experienced a land use change after the grandfathering cutoff date.
 - Produce bicycle parking requirement minimums training materials.
 - Make this training mandatory for code enforcement regulators.
 - Make this training mandatory for those in the Development Assistance Center (DAC) at the Building Plan Review and Permitting Department for construction plans. Require assessment for compliance with bicycle parking requirements be completed by the DAC.
 - Task the code compliance team with reviewing bicycle parking compliance for all non-grandfathered businesses, land development projects, or improvement projects.
 - Require businesses that are out of compliance to meet requirements within 6 months of receiving written notice.
 - Make the list of non-grandfathered projects as well as level of compliance publicly available on City of Austin website. Levels of compliance include Not Assessed, Out of Compliance, and In Compliance.
 - Require code compliance team carry out bicycle parking assessments with the same level of enforcement as applied to compliance with ADA and auto parking requirements.
- Update the City of Austin Title 25 Land Development Code, Chapter 6 Transportation to include bicycle provisions that are commensurate with those for automobiles including but not limited to:
 - Update 25-6 Appendix A, Part 2 Bicycles to require Commercial Businesses to have a minimum of whichever is greater 2 spaces or 5% of the total auto parking spaces. This follows the logic requirement for residential parking which currently states either whichever is greater, either 5 bicycle parking spaces or 5% of the total of auto parking spaces must be available.

- Update 25-6 Appendix A, Part 2 Bicycles to also allow commercial and residential entities to apply for a reduction in auto parking minimums in exchange for high capacity bike corrals that hold a minimum of 8 bicycles using City of Austin standardized and approved designs.
- As a part of a harm reduction initiative, increase percentage distribution of bicycle parking availability at venues that serve alcohol (Bars, Breweries, and Night Clubs). Allow option to remove all auto parking spaces except those required by National Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
- Update City of Austin (COA) website
 - Create and include form to apply for assistance in obtaining bicycle parking (using [City of San Antonio Bike Rack Application](#) as an example)
 - Include requirement to follow best practice diagrams (using City of San Antonio [Maintenance Agreement for City of San Antonio Supplied Bike Rack](#) as an example)
 - Specify use of non-removable security fasteners, where to buy related materials, and identify local contractors
 - Retain [municipal court information](#) but add information and links to local bicycle resources to reduce the negative and punitive focus of the “Bicycle Program”.
- Publicize the Bicycle Parking Fund on the COA website and *make Bicycle Parking Fund balances, fees, and award of funding publicly available*
 - Determine and make public how much money has been collected from businesses in lieu of meeting bicycle parking minimums.
 - Determine and make public whether or not bicycle parking has been built at the addresses at which the funds are encumbered as well as the date which money collected must be returned.
- Publicize changes to parking codes so grandfathered businesses are incentivized to change parking structure.
- Continue assessing bicycle parking fees to dockless mobility device providers which may occupy public ROW or utilize public bicycle parking resources to the benefit of their for-profit businesses.
 - Make fees collected publicly available.
 - Make bicycle parking improvement projects funded by the fees publicly available.
- Develop and promote an Alcohol Harm Reduction Program to incentivize alcohol serving businesses as well as their patrons to utilize alternative and multi-modal forms of transportation.
 - Increase percentage distribution of bicycle parking availability at venues that serve alcohol (Bars, Breweries, and Night Clubs).
 - Allow option to remove all auto parking spaces except those required by National Americans with Disabilities Act standards.
 - Extend downtown rail service hours until 3 AM so that patrons that have the potential to be most intoxicated as well as service industry workers may use the service.

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

Attest:

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