Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation:

Bicycle Parking and End-of-Trip Facilities in the Austin Land Development Code Revision

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) advises the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle, bicycle infrastructure, and individuals of all ages and abilities who utilize bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) identifies strategies to reach 50/50 mode share by 2039 which include building active transportation access for all ages and abilities.

WHEREAS, the Austin Land Development Code (LDC) revision can remove barriers to active transportation, especially concerning the use of bicycles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the Austin City Council amend the Land Development Code Revision to include the following provisions:

- 23-3B-4020 Variances; (D) Bicycle Parking
 - O Either don't allow variances of a bicycle standard or clarify what conditions must be met to receive an administrative waiver of a bicycle standard.
- 23-3D-2050 (A) Off-Street Motor Vehicle Parking Reductions
 - Increase adjustment for Bicycle Parking from up to 5% max to at least 10%.
- 23-3D-2070 Bicycle Parking; (A) Required Spaces
 - Increase the minimum requirements for multi-family to at least 1 per 5 units for sites with greater than 8 units.
 - O Revise the minimum requirements for non-residential use to include more nuanced intervals that account for GSF variance of several orders of magnitude between buildings like a 10,000 GSF Trader Joe's versus a 1,000,000 GSF downtown office building. Also, consider more nuanced requirements for buildings which are primarily retail vs primarily office.
- 23-3D-7030 (A) Additional Measures to Improve Connectivity
 - Establish mandatory minimum requirements for employee shower and locker facilities and secure indoor bicycle storage for buildings greater than a certain GSF.

Date: February 18, 2020

Vote: 7 – 0 with Flowers absent and Warren abstaining

Attest:

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