

BICYCLE PARKING REGULATIONS

Santa Monica Municipal Code 9.28.140

Bike parking supports the City's efforts toward a more sustainable community, as well as creates an attractive amenity for users of the property. Santa Monica has one of the highest bicycle riding rates in California with over 8% of residents riding their bike daily. This handout covers the major bicycle parking requirements, but staff should be consulted for an exhaustive list of all requirements SMMC 9.28.140.



When is Bicycle Parking Required?

Every new building, change of use, and every building enlarged by 10% or more shall provide short and long-term bicycle parking.

Exception - Projects with less than 2,500 square feet of gross building area are only required to provide short-term bicycle parking.

Required Types of Bicycle Parking

Short-Term

Short-term bicycle parking shall be located outside the public right-of-way and **within 50'** of the main entrance to the building it serves.

All short-term bicycle parking racks should allow for at least two points of contact with the bike, see examples below.



Long-Term

Long-term bicycle parking shall be just as convenient as car parking and located **within 75'** of a ground floor entrance, stairway or elevator. Alternatively, have a bike valet with attendant meeting the location standards.

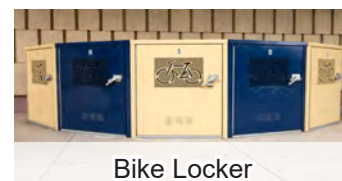
All long-term parking must be **covered and secured**; for example, inside a building, under overhangs or awnings, in lockers or within/under other structures.



Bike Room



Valet Parking



Bike Locker

Other Requirements

- At least 10% of the total bike parking must accommodate 10' long bicycles (i.e. tricycles, bikes with trailers or cargo bikes).
- Projects with senior housing shall accommodate tricycle style bikes in bike parking areas.
- One electrical outlet is required for all long-term bicycle parking areas.

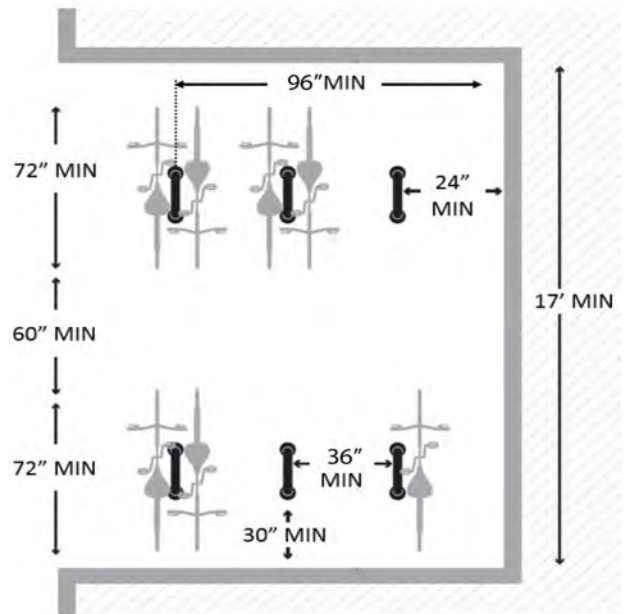
Bicycle Parking Layout Requirements

The figure to the right displays the required dimensions for a standard bicycle parking layout. Building plans shall include this level of dimensioned detail.

Alternative configurations may be allowed, such as double stacked, vertical, or hanging bike racks, however, you must provide the alternative layout specifications in your application. **Please Note:** No more than 50% of the total bike parking required may be vertical or hanging racks.

Bicycle Parking Wayfinding

Wayfinding signage guides cyclists to a safe place to lock up their bikes. Bicycle parking wayfinding signage is required for every development site.



Bike Lockers & Showers

New non-residential buildings or non-residential buildings that are expanding the floor area by 10% or more AND are greater than 10,000 square feet need to provide shower and locker facilities for tenants and employees. See section SMMC 9.28.170 for more information



Bicycle Parking Requirements

Land Use Classification	Required Spaces for Short-Term	Required Spaces for Long-Term Parking
<i>Residential Uses</i>		
All Residential uses, excluding Single Unit Swellings, Duplexes, and Family Day Care	10% of Long-Term; minimum 2 spaces per project	1 space per bedroom, including studios
Senior Housing	25% of Long-Term; minimum 2 spaces per project	0.5 spaces per bedroom; minimum 2 spaces per project
<i>Public and Semi-Public Uses</i>		
Colleges and Trade Schools, Public and Private	1.5 spaces for each 10 students	0.5 space per classroom
Day Care Facility	1.5 spaces for each 20 students	0.5 space per classroom
Hospitals or Clinics	1 space per 4,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project	1 space per 2,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project
Parks and Recreation Facilities, Public	5% of maximum daily attendance	1 space per 20 employees
Schools, Public and Private	1.5 spaces for each 20 students	0.5 space per classroom
<i>Commercial Uses</i>		
All Commercial and Public/Semi-Public uses except those listed below	1 space per 4,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project	1 space per 3,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 per project
Parking Facility	1 space per 10 spaces; minimum 6 spaces per project	1 space per 20 spaces; minimum 4 spaces per project
Office	1 space per 8,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project	1 space per 2,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project
Hotels	8 spaces	0.20 per room
<i>Industrial Uses</i>		
Industrial Uses	1 space per 12,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project	1 space per 12,000 sq. ft. of floor area; minimum 4 spaces per project

Table 9.58.140 Bicycle Parking Regulations

Supplemental Information:
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals
(APBP)