
REQUEST	Text amendment to Section 12.202A and Table 12.202 of the Zoning Ordinance.
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. modify the bicycle parking standards;2. add bicycle parking maximums for certain uses; and3. modify the short-term and long-term bicycle parking requirements for certain uses.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Staff recommends approval of this petition. The petition is consistent with adopted policies.
Petitioner Agent/Representative	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting is not required.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

• **Background**

- Section 2.201 defines both short- and long-term bicycle parking:
 - A short-term bicycle parking space is defined as a rack to which the frame and at least one wheel can be secured with a user-provided U-lock or padlock and cable. This type of parking is appropriate where the typical parking duration is less than two hours.
 - A long-term bicycle parking space is defined as protecting the entire bicycle and its components from inclement weather. This type of parking serves the needs of cyclists who need to leave their bicycles unattended for extended periods of time, such as employees, tenants or residents.
- Section 12.202A (1) through (3) provides bicycle parking standards including requirements for location, covered spaces, maneuvering areas, lighting, and design.
- Table 12.202 provides the minimum required off-street parking spaces by use, for vehicles and bicycles.

• **Proposed Request Details**

The text amendment contains the following provisions:

- Modifies the location requirement for bicycle racks and short-term bicycle parking, by altering the language to require the bicycle rack area to be located no more than 120 feet from the entrance served, or as close as the nearest non-handicap off-street auto parking space, whichever is farther.
- Relocates the long-term bicycle parking requirements for covered spaces from Section 12.202A(2)(b) to Section 12.202A(2)(a), titled, "Covered spaces".
- Removes the following standards:
 - Lighting standards for short- and long-term bicycle parking areas.
 - Bicycle design and maneuvering area requirements.
 - Group homes: Removes long-term bicycle parking requirements.
- Reduces the long-term bicycle parking requirement for the following use:
 - Outdoor recreational uses: Two spaces.
- Reduces short-term bicycle parking for the following uses:
 - Wholesale establishments: From five percent to one percent of the auto parking requirement.
 - Jails: Two parking spaces.
- Modifies the long-term bicycle parking requirements for the following uses:
 - Jails, nursing homes, retirement homes, dependent living facilities, and independent living facilities: Two, or one per 20 employees, whichever is greater.
 - Universities, colleges, or junior colleges: Two spaces per principal building.

- Dormitories are calculated separately.
 - Adds maximum requirements for bicycle parking spaces:
 - Health institutions: 50 spaces for long-term parking and 30 for short-term parking.
 - Office uses: 50 spaces for long-term parking and 30 for short-term parking.
 - Retail establishments: 30 spaces for long-term parking and 50 for short-term parking.
 - Adds an option to provide long-term parking spaces based on one parking space per 25 employees for the following use:
 - Retail establishments.
 - **Public Plans and Policies**
 - This petition is consistent with adopted policies.
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DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- **Charlotte Area Transit System:** No issues.
 - **Charlotte Department of Neighborhood & Business Services:** No issues.
 - **Charlotte Department of Transportation:** No issues.
 - **Charlotte Fire Department:** No issues.
 - **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services:** No issues.
 - **Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency:** No issues.
 - **Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation:** No comments received.
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ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE SITE DESIGN (see full department reports online)

- **Site Design:** There is no site plan associated with this text amendment.
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OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- No issues.
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Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

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