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36-70 - BICYCLE PARKING

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In all districts, as indicated, the provisions of this Section, inclusive, relating to bicycle parking spaces shall apply to:

(a) #developments#;

(b) #enlargements# that increase the #floor area# within a #building# by 50 percent or more;

(c) #dwelling units# created by #conversions# of non-#residential# #floor area#;

(d) new #dwelling units# in #buildings# or #building segments# constructed after April 22, 2009;

(e) new enclosed #accessory# #group parking facilities# with 35 or more automobile parking spaces; and

(f) open parking areas #accessory# to #commercial# or #community facility# #uses# that contain 18 or more automobile parking spaces or are greater than 6,000 sq. ft. in area.

In addition, the provisions of Section 36-75 (Floor Area Exemption) shall apply to all #buildings# as set forth therein.

Bicycle parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Section, inclusive, as a condition precedent to the #use# of such #development#, #enlargement#, #conversion#,

#group parking facility# or open parking area.

The number of #accessory# bicycle parking spaces provided pursuant to this Section, the total area, in square feet, of bicycle parking spaces and the total area, in square feet, excluded from the calculation of #floor area# for such spaces shall be noted on the certificate of occupancy.

36-71 - Required Bicycle Parking Spaces

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36-711 - Enclosed bicycle parking spaces

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In all districts, as indicated, enclosed #accessory# bicycle parking spaces shall be provided for at least that amount specified for the applicable #use# set forth in the table in this Section.

For the purposes of calculating the number of required bicycle parking spaces, any fraction of a space 50 percent or greater shall be counted as an additional space. For #residences#, the #accessory# bicycle parking requirement shall be calculated separately for separate #buildings# or #building segments#.

For the purposes of applying such provisions to #rooming units#, three #rooming units# shall be considered the equivalent of one #dwelling unit#.

Where any #building# or #zoning lot# contains two or more #uses# having different bicycle parking requirements as set forth in the table, the bicycle parking requirements for each type of #use# shall apply to the extent of that #use#.

Where an enclosed #accessory# #group parking facility# is provided, the required number of bicycle parking spaces for the #use# to which such facility is #accessory# shall be the amount set forth for such #use# in the table, or one for every 10 automobile parking spaces that are enclosed within a #building or other structure# or located on the roof of a #building#, whichever will require a greater number of bicycle parking spaces.

REQUIRED BICYCLE PARKING SPACES FOR
RESIDENTIAL, COMMUNITY FACILITY OR COMMERCIAL USES

Type of #Use#	**Bicycle Parking Spaces Required in Relation to Specified Unit of Measurement**
FOR RESIDENTIAL USES	
#Single-family# #detached# #residences# listed under Use Group II	None required
All other types of #residences# listed under Use Group II, except #affordable independent residences for seniors#	1 per 2 #dwelling units#
#Affordable independent residences for seniors# listed under Use Group II	1 per 10,000 square feet of #floor area#
FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY USES1	

College or #school# student dormitories or fraternity and sorority student houses listed under Use Group III(A)	1 per 2,000 square of #floor area#
Colleges, universities or seminaries listed under Use Group III(B)2	
(a) Classrooms, laboratories, student centers or offices	1 per 5,000 square feet of #floor area#
(b) Theaters, auditoriums, gymnasiums or stadiums	1 per 20,000 square feet of #floor area#
Libraries, museums or non-commercial art galleries listed under Use Group III(B)	1 per 20,000 square feet of #floor area#
Monasteries, convents or novitiates listed under Use Group III(A); houses of worship listed under Use Group III(B); rectories or parish houses listed under Use Group III(A) or III(B); all #uses# listed under Use Group I	None required
All other #uses# listed under Use Group III not otherwise listed in this table	1 per 10,000 square feet of #floor area#
FOR COMMERCIAL USES	
All #uses# listed under Use Group VII	1 per 7,500 square feet of #floor area#
All #uses# listed under Use Groups V and VI; All #uses# listed under Use Group VIII, except #amusement or recreation facilities# or #uses# listed under Entertainment and Sporting Venues	1 per 10,000 square feet of #floor area#
#Amusement or recreation facilities# or #uses# listed under Entertainment Sporting Venues except drive-in theaters	1 per 20,000 square feet of #floor area#

#Public parking garages#	1 per 10 automobile parking spaces
Use Groups not specified above, and all other #commercial# #uses# not otherwise listed	None required

1 #Non-profit hospital staff dwellings# shall be subject to the requirements for Use Group II #residential uses#.

2 Up to half of required spaces may be provided as unenclosed bicycle parking spaces, pursuant to the requirements of Section 36-73.

However, the bicycle parking requirements set forth in the table shall be waived for bicycle parking spaces that are accessory to:

(a) #buildings# containing 10 #dwelling units# or less;

(b) colleges, universities or seminaries where the number of required enclosed bicycle parking spaces is six or less;

(c) college or #school# student dormitories or fraternity and sorority student houses where the number of required bicycle parking spaces is five or less; or

(d) all other #community facility# or #commercial# #uses# not otherwise listed in the table where the number of required bicycle parking spaces is three or less.

36-712 - Unenclosed bicycle parking spaces

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In all districts, as indicated, for open parking areas #accessory# to #commercial# or #community facility# #uses# that contain 18 or more spaces or are greater than 6,000 square feet in area, which meet the applicability standards of Section 37-91, unenclosed bicycle parking spaces shall be provided as follows:

(a) One bicycle parking space shall be provided for every 10 automobile parking spaces, up to 200 automobile parking spaces. Thereafter, one bicycle parking space shall be provided for every 100 automobile parking spaces. Fractions equal to or greater than one-half resulting from this calculation shall be considered to be one bicycle space.

Each bicycle rack shall allow for the bicycle frame and at least one wheel to be locked to the rack. If bicycles can be locked to each side of the rack without conflict, each side may be counted toward a required space. Thirty inches of maneuverable space shall be provided between parallel bicycle racks and an eight foot wide aisle shall be provided between bicycle rack areas.

(b) Bicycle racks shall be provided within 50 feet of a main entrance of a #building# and a minimum of 24 inches from any wall. However, if more than 40 bicycle parking spaces are required, 50 percent of such spaces may be provided at a distance of up to 100 feet from the main entrance of a #building#. Department of Transportation bicycle racks provided on a fronting sidewalk may be counted toward this requirement, provided such racks meet the standards of this paragraph(c).

36-72 - Authorization for Reduction of Spaces

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In all districts, as indicated, the City Planning Commission may authorize a reduction in the number of required bicycle parking spaces set forth in Section 36-711 (Enclosed bicycle parking spaces) or a waiver of all such spaces, upon finding there are subsurface conditions, below-ground infrastructure or other site planning constraints that would make accommodating such bicycle parking spaces on or below the first #story# of the #building# infeasible. The Commission may request reports from licensed engineers or registered architects in considering such reduction.

36-73 - Restrictions on Operation, Size and Location of Bicycle Parking Spaces

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In all districts, as indicated, all #accessory# bicycle parking spaces shall be provided on the same #zoning lot# as the #building# or #use# to which such spaces are #accessory#, except as provided in Section 36-74 (Off-site Bicycle Parking Spaces).

All enclosed #accessory# bicycle parking spaces shall be surrounded on all sides by a solid enclosure, except where a parking garage is open at the sides, and covered by a roof for weather protection. Each bicycle space shall adjoin a rack or similar system for securing the bicycle. Bicycle parking spaces shall be located in an area secured by a lock or similar means, or adjoin a securely anchored rack to which the bicycle frame and at least one wheel can be locked. Fifteen square feet of area shall be provided for each bicycle space. However, the area for each bicycle space may be reduced by up to nine square feet per bicycle if the Commissioner of Buildings certifies that a layout has been submitted to adequately accommodate the specified number of bicycles.

A plaque shall be placed at the exterior of the entry to the bicycle parking area, outside any locked door, with lettering at least three-quarter inches in height stating “Bicycle Parking.”

All required bicycle parking spaces that are #accessory# to #residences# shall be made available for the storage and independent access of the bicycles used by the occupants of such #residences#.

All required bicycle parking spaces that are #accessory# to a #commercial# or #community facility# #use# shall be made available for the storage and independent access of bicycles used by the employees of such #use#, except that bicycle parking spaces #accessory# to colleges or universities must be accessible to all authorized users of such #building#, and that bicycle parking spaces #accessory# to #community facilities# with sleeping accommodations may be accessible to the occupants of such facility.

Bicycle spaces may be located in a room secured by a lock, or similar means, provided that access is through a commonly accessible area and access is made available to eligible users on an equal basis. Rooms containing required bicycle parking spaces may also contain non-required #accessory# bicycle spaces, as well as non-#accessory# bicycle spaces permitted by the underlying district regulations.

(a) For colleges, universities or seminaries, one-half of required #accessory# bicycle parking spaces may be provided as open unenclosed spaces, provided that such spaces meet the standards of paragraph (b) of Section 36-712 (Unenclosed bicycle parking spaces).

(b) For #public parking garages#, the required information plaque shall be provided at each point of bicycle entry to the #public parking garage#, mounted with its center between four and six feet above the ground, directly visible and unobstructed from the #street#. The entry plaque shall contain a bicycle symbol which is 12 inches square in dimension with a highly contrasting background, as shown in this paragraph, (b). The symbol shall match exactly the symbol provided in the Required Signage Symbols file at the Department of City Planning website.



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36-74 - Off-site Bicycle Parking Spaces

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In all districts, as indicated, #accessory# bicycle parking spaces required pursuant to Section 36-711 (Enclosed bicycle parking spaces) may be provided on a #zoning lot# other than the same #zoning lot# as the #use# to which such spaces are #accessory#, provided that such bicycle parking spaces are located on a #zoning lot# not further than 1,000 feet from the nearest boundary of the #zoning lot# occupied by the #use# to which they are #accessory#, or within a subsurface parking and other

service facility that serves multiple #zoning lots#, including the #zoning lot# occupied by the #use# to which they are #accessory#.

A plaque shall be placed within 30 feet of an entrance of the #building#, with lettering at least three-quarter inches in height stating "Bicycle Parking" followed by information directing users to the address of the off-site location.

The number of off-site #accessory# bicycle parking spaces provided pursuant to this Section and the area of such bicycle parking spaces, in square feet, shall be noted on the certificate of occupancy for both the #building# in which the off-site bicycle parking spaces are located, and the #building# containing the #use# to which such bicycle parking spaces are #accessory#.

36-75 - Floor Area Exemption

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In all districts, as indicated, space provided for enclosed #accessory# bicycle parking spaces pursuant to the standards of this Section shall be excluded from the calculation of #floor area#, provided that:

(a) the space excluded from #floor area# does not exceed an amount equal to 15 square feet multiplied by the number of required spaces or, if spaces are waived pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of Section 36-711 (Enclosed bicycle parking spaces), the number that would have been required but for the waiver or, if spaces are not required because the #building# was constructed prior to April 22, 2009, the number that would be required if such #building# were newly constructed; and

(b) the #accessory# bicycle parking spaces provided meet the standards for required bicycle parking of Section 36-73 (Restrictions on Operation, Size and Location of Bicycle Parking Spaces).

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, for the #uses# listed in the table, the amount of space that may be excluded from the calculation of #floor area# shall not exceed an amount equal to 15 square feet multiplied by the number of spaces set forth in the table.

MAXIMUM BICYCLE PARKING SPACES
EXCLUDED FROM FLOOR AREA

Type of #Use#	**Maximum Bicycle Parking Spaces Excluded from #Floor Area# in Relation to Specified Unit of Measurement**
FOR RESIDENTIAL USES	
#Affordable independent residences for seniors# listed under Use Group II	1 per 2,000 square feet of #floor area#
FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY USES	
Philanthropic or non-profit institutions with sleeping accommodations listed under Use Group III(A)	1 per 2,000 square feet of #floor area#
Proprietary, non-profit or voluntary hospitals and related facilities, except animal hospitals, listed under Use Group III(B)	1 per 5,000 square feet of #floor area#

However, in no event shall this Section apply to #single-# or #two-family residences#; and in no event shall this Section apply to #accessory# bicycle parking spaces provided off-site, pursuant to Section 36-

74 (Certification for Off-site Bicycle Parking Spaces).

Space provided for #accessory# bicycle parking spaces within an #accessory# #group parking facility# shall not be counted as #floor area# provided that such portion of the #accessory# #group parking facility# does not count as #floor area#.

36-76 - Waiver or Reduction of Spaces for Subsidized Housing

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In all districts, as indicated, except in the #Special Willets Point District# and the #Special St. George District#, the number of required bicycle parking spaces set forth in Section 36-711 (Enclosed bicycle parking spaces) may be reduced or waived by the Commissioner of Buildings, provided that the Commissioner of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development has submitted a letter certifying that:

(a) at least 50 percent of the #dwelling units# in the #building# or #building segment# will be income-restricted pursuant to the provisions of Section 27-10 (ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING), inclusive, or pursuant to the terms of a grant, loan or subsidy from any Federal, State or local agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the disposition of real property for less than market value, purchase money financing, construction financing, permanent financing, the utilization of bond proceeds and allocations of low income housing tax credits. An exemption or abatement of real property taxes shall not qualify as a grant, loan or subsidy for the purposes of this paragraph;

(b) there is insufficient space within the #building# to accommodate the required number of bicycle parking spaces on or below the first #story# of the #building#, including within an enclosed #accessory# #group parking facility#,

(c) if permitted automobile parking spaces are provided, the required bicycle parking spaces cannot be accommodated within an enclosed #group parking facility# by reconfiguring automobile parking spaces or removing three or fewer permitted automobile parking spaces;

(d) additional space cannot reasonably be constructed based on the amount of subsidy available to the project; and

(e) the number of required bicycle parking spaces is being reduced by the minimum amount necessary to address these limitations.