

signage

The law requires that parking facilities have a sign at the entrance that indicates that bicycle parking is provided. The designated sign is on file with the Department of Transportation & Engineering.

A schedule of rates and charges for the bicycle parking must be posted.



fees

Fees for bicycle parking may be charged.

bicycle parking regulations

Bicycle parking regulations are located in Chapter 413, Parking Garages and Parking Lots, of the Cincinnati Municipal Code; and in Chapter 1425, Parking and Loading Regulations, of the Zoning Code of the City of Cincinnati.

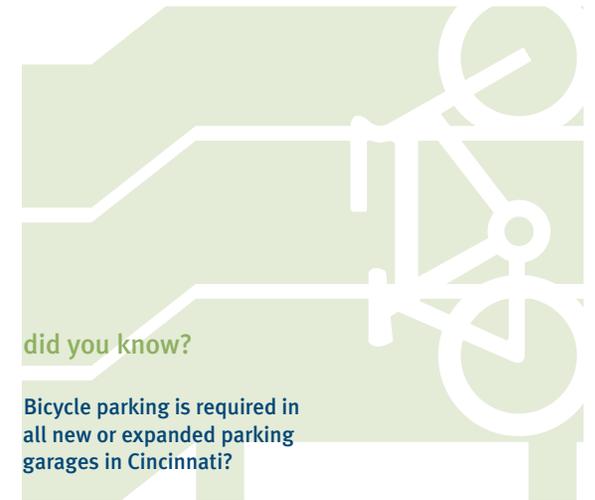
Questions?

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bicycleparking

in garages

GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS



did you know?

Bicycle parking is required in all new or expanded parking garages in Cincinnati?

Bicycle parking must be convenient, secure, and well-lit?

Signs must be posted stating that bicycle parking spaces are provided inside the garage?

why is bicycle parking required in parking garages?

The City of Cincinnati promotes bicycling as a healthy, environmentally friendly way of getting around Cincinnati and the metro area. Cincinnati is well suited for bicycling and more people are using their bikes every day for commuting, shopping, and general transportation.

However, the lack of secure, weather-protected bicycle parking facilities is still a leading factor preventing many people from cycling to work. In addition, a lack of space for bicycle storage in multi-unit residential buildings can make bicycle ownership impractical for many citizens.

This requirement will help to ensure an adequate supply of long-term bicycle parking, which provides employees, students, residents, commuters and others who generally stay at a site for several hours, a secure and weather-protected place to park bicycles.

who is required to provide bicycle parking?

The requirements are applicable to every new parking garage, and for every expansion of an existing parking garage when the expansion includes the provision of sixty or more additional motor vehicle parking spaces.

how many bicycle parking spaces are required?

One bicycle parking space is required for every twenty automobile spaces, with a maximum of 24 bicycle spaces required.

ingress and egress

Typical garage entrances can be difficult for cyclists to utilize; loop detectors do not recognize bicycles, and gates often extend the full width of the drive. A segregated entrance with no doors or curbs will provide the safest access for cyclists.



POORLY DESIGNED ENTRANCE

Multiple doors make access difficult.



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Cyclists must share the entrance with cars, and squeeze under or around the gate.



WELL DESIGNED ENTRANCE

This segregated entrance with no doors or curbs makes access easy and safe.



UNACCEPTABLE BIKE RACK

This "comb" rack does not support the frame of the bike.



ACCEPTABLE BIKE RACK

Each "inverted-U" or "A" rack holds two bikes, adequately supports the frame of the bike, and allows cyclists to lock both the frame and wheel to the rack.



ACCEPTABLE BIKE RACK

This wall rack is an efficient use of space, adequately supports the frame of the bike, and also allows cyclists to lock both the frame and wheel to the rack.

locating bicycle parking spaces

The parking area must be:

- Located no lower than the first parking level below grade, and no higher than the first parking level above grade;
- Accessible without using stairs;
- Inside the garage and protected from inclement weather;
- In a highly visible area in order to deter theft and vandalism;
- Separated from auto parking areas with a physical barrier to prevent damage to bicycles from motor vehicles.

Ten bikes can fit in the equivalent of one car parking spot. Often you can find "dead zones" in the garage where cars won't fit, but bikes will.

bicycle parking space size

The parking spaces must be a minimum of two feet wide and six feet long; however, the space may be reduced upon application to the Superintendent of Parking.

A five-foot wide aisle is required between rows of bicycle parking spaces and the perimeter of the bicycle parking area. This provides adequate space for one person to walk one bike.

what type of accommodation is required?

You can choose to use a bicycle locker; a floor, wall, or ceiling rack; or a similar system for securing bicycles.

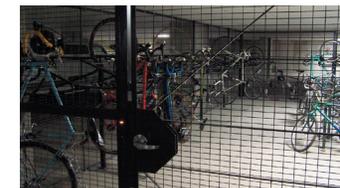
standards for racks

Racks are required to meet the following standards:

- The frame and at least one wheel can be locked to the rack with a U-lock and cable lock;
- The rack supports the bicycle frame so that the bicycle cannot be pushed or fall in a way that will damage it;
- The rack must be securely anchored.

bike cages and rooms

For an extra level of security, consider a bike cage or bike room. By installing a key or combination lock to access the cage or room, access can be restricted to users only.



BIKE CAGES

Bike cages provide security for many bicycles with minimum construction.