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BICYCLE PARKING FAQS

- **What is this handout?** This handout contains answers to frequently asked questions for bicycle parking.

- **How many bicycle parking spaces do I need?**

Dwelling Unit Type	Multi-family residential uses (OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN)		Multi-family residential uses (INSIDE DOWNTOWN)	
	Short-Term	**Long-Term**	**Short-Term**	**Long-Term**
Studios & 1-bedrooms	0.05 spaces per unit	1.0 per unit	0.05 spaces per unit	1.0 per unit
2-bedroom	0.10 spaces per unit	1.0 per unit	0.10 spaces per unit	1.25 per unit
3 or more bedroom	0.15 spaces per unit	1.5 per unit	0.15 spaces per unit	1.5 per unit
For other uses (i.e. offices, restaurants, and businesses) see SMMC 27.64.262.f. *If the total number of required bicycle parking spaces contains a fraction of one-half or more, round up. If the fraction is less than one-half, round down.*				

- **What are the bicycle parking standards?**

Bicycle Parking Design and Placement Standards	
General Parking Standards	• 4-ft. aisles for unobstructed access • 2.5 ft. (w) x 6 ft. (l) • Located in high-visibility areas (street frontage, building entrance); if not in high-visibility area, signage must be posted at the main building entrance • Must allow for the use of a U-type lock • Compatible/harmonious design and style with adjoining land uses • Shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular circulation
Short-term Parking Standards	• Two (2) points of contact to the bike frame • 30 in. of clearance • 3 ft. vertical clearance • Must be along project frontage and within 50 to 100 ft. (based on existing conditions) of main building entrance
Long-term Parking Standards	• One (1) point of contact to the bike frame • Covered and located on-site within 200 ft. of main building entrance • Inclusion of a variety of parking arrangements (determined by Zoning Administrator)

For more information, please see San Mateo Municipal Code 27.64.262 – Bicycle Parking Facilities.