



## 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	
<b>General Parking Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4-ft. aisles for unobstructed access</li><li>• 2.5 ft. (w) x 6 ft. (l)</li><li>• Located in high-visibility areas (street frontage, building entrance); if not in high-visibility area, signage must be posted at the main building entrance</li><li>• Must allow for the use of a U-type lock</li><li>• Compatible/harmonious design and style with adjoining land uses</li><li>• Shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular circulation</li></ul>
<b>Short-term Parking Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two (2) points of contact to the bike frame</li><li>• 30 in. of clearance</li><li>• 3 ft. vertical clearance</li><li>• Must be along project frontage and within 50 to 100 ft. (based on existing conditions) of main building entrance</li></ul>
<b>Long-term Parking Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One (1) point of contact to the bike frame</li><li>• Covered and located on-site within 200 ft. of main building entrance</li><li>• Inclusion of a variety of parking arrangements (determined by Zoning Administrator)</li></ul>

*For more information, please see [San Mateo Municipal Code 27.64.262 – Bicycle Parking Facilities](#).*