Minneapolis Bike Parking Regulations Guide

Minneapolis is a popular city for bicycling, with an estimated 4.3% of commute trips made by bicycle in 2008 (U.S. Census Bureau). Having good places to lock bicycles is a key part of the bicycle transportation network, and Minneapolis is working toward providing more and better bike parking throughout the city.

The Minneapolis City Council adopted new offstreet parking regulations in January 2009. This chart below describes how the rules affect bicycle parking for new facilities in the city.



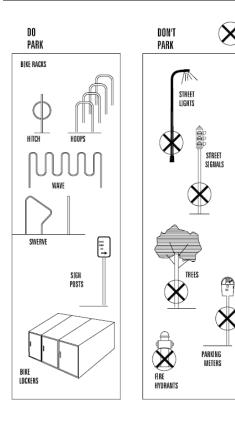
Bike parking at the Mill City Museaum on S. 2nd St. in Downtown Minneapolis

New Buildings (as of 1/09)	Minimum Bicycle Parking Requirement
Non-residential uses < 1,000 sq. ft.	Exempt
Residential - Single Family to 4 units	Exempt
Multi-family dwellings (5 or more units)	1 space per two dwelling units
Schools (K-12)	3 spaces per classroom
Community centers	6 spaces
Theaters	3 spaces
General retail sales & services	3 spaces or 1 space per 5,000 sq. ft. of
	general floor area
Offices	3 spaces or 1 space per 15,000 sq. ft. of
	general floor area
Restaurant or coffee shop	3 spaces
Indoor or outdoor recreation facility	3 spaces
Sports & health facility	3 spaces or 1 space per 10,000 sq. ft. of
	general floor area
Medical clinic	3 spaces
Industrial uses	2 spaces or 1 space per
	20,000/30,000/40,000 sq. ft.
Post office	3 spaces

^{*} This table is a summary. Additional standards exist mandating the location of long-term and short-term bicycle parking, and there are separate rules for downtown Minneapolis. For the full version, see Table 541-3 of the City of Minneapolis Zoning Code (Title 20, Chapter 541).

For more information about the Minneapolis **Off-Street Bicycle Parking Ordinance**, contact Jason Wittenberg at 612-673-2297 or <u>Jason.Wittenberg@ci.minneapolis.mn.us</u>, or visit http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/government/ordinances.asp (Title 20, Chapter 541) to review the adopted code in full.

Legal and Illegal Bicycle Parking (MCC 490.150)



- Legal: Bicycles may legally park upon a sidewalk and be temporarily attached to sign posts and bicycle racks.
- Illegal: It is illegal to attach a bicycle to trees, parking meter posts, street light posts, traffic signal posts, or hand railings. Parked bicycles may not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.



Bike parking at Whole Foods on Excelsior Boulevard in the West Calhoun neighborhood.

More Resources for Minneapolis Bike Parking

- City of Minneapolis Bike Rack Cost Share Program The City shares the cost of new bike parking in eligible locations (50/50 with the business). Contact Don Pflaum at 612-673-2129 or donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us for more information.
- **Legal placement of bicycle racks** in the public right of way: Contact Don Pflaum at 612-673-2129 or donald.pflaum@ci.minneapolis.mn.us for more information.
- The Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassador Program can help to provide educational resources at your business or building to support and promote biking and walking. Contact David Peterson at 612-333-3410 (david.peterson2@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or visit www.bikewalktwincities.org/ambassadors for more information.
- **Dero Bike Racks** is a local manufacturer and installer of bicycle racks of all varieties. Their staff can help you work through any bike parking questions you might have. Visit www.dero.com or call 612-724-9217 for more information.