

ARTICLE 8: PARKING

Introduction: This Article of the Burlington Comprehensive Development Ordinance establishes the requirements for off-site parking throughout the city. It also includes parking for bicycles and requirements for institutional parking management plans.

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PART 1: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 8.1.1 Purpose

It is the purpose of this article to:

- (a) Ensure there are adequate parking and loading facilities to serve the use or uses of the property;
- (b) Ensure that parking facilities are designed to provide proper circulation, reduce hazards to pedestrians, and protect the users of adjoining properties from nuisance caused by the noise, fumes, and glare of headlights which may result from the operation of vehicles parking off the street;
- (c) Reduce congestion in the streets and contribute to traffic safety; and
- (d) Encourage alternate modes of travel that will reduce dependence upon the single-occupancy automobile.

These regulations are enacted under the provisions of **24 V.S.A. Chapter 117**

Sec. 8.1.2 Applicability

No structure shall be erected or altered, or any use changed or established, unless or until the provisions of this Article have been met. No onsite parking shall be required or provided within the Urban Reserve District.

Sec. 8.1.3 Parking Districts

The demand for parking is highly dependent on the context within which a given use or structure is located. Factors such as proximity to other related uses, availability of public transportation, the density of land uses, and the ability to share parking with nearby uses are all factors which influence the demand for individual and dedicated off-site parking. For the purposes of this Article, the following three (3) Parking Districts as illustrated in **Map 8.1.3-1** are hereby created:

(a) Neighborhood Parking District:

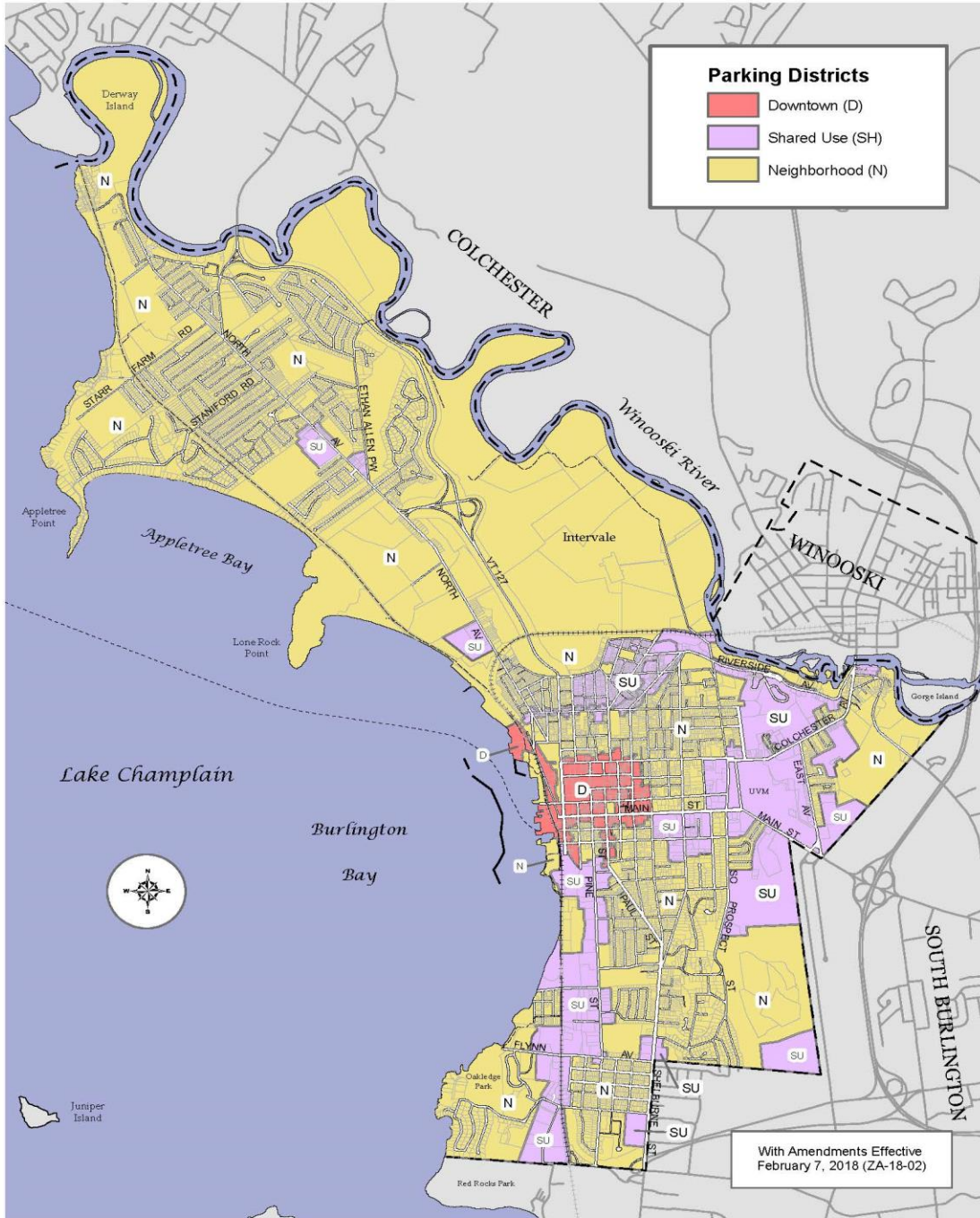
This parking district establishes the baseline of parking requirements throughout the city where the demand for offsite parking is largely dependent on the needs and characteristics of an individual site or land use.

(b) Shared Use Parking District:

This parking district reduces the requirements from the baseline standards recognizing that opportunities exist to share parking demand between related nearby land uses, and that travel to and between these uses may not be strictly automobile dependent.

(c) Downtown Parking District:

This parking district further reduces the requirements from the baseline standards recognizing that extensive sharing of parking demand between nearby land uses occurs; that a majority of travel to and between land uses is independent from an automobile; and that an array of public parking facilities and frequent transit service greatly reduces the need for independent parking for individual land uses.



Map 8.1.3 -1 Parking Districts

Sec. 8.1.4 Existing Structures

Any structure or land use lawfully in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall not be subject to the requirements of this Article as long as the kind or extent of use is not changed, and provided further that any parking facilities now serving such structures shall not in the future be reduced below such requirements.

Sec. 8.1.5 Existing Structures - Change or Expansion of Use

Whenever there is an alteration or conversion of a structure or a change or expansion of a use which increases the parking requirements, the total additional parking requirements for the alteration, conversion, change, or expansion shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of this Article. A waiver may be requested pursuant to the provisions of **Sec. 8.1.15**.

Sec. 8.1.6 Existing Structures: Exemption in Downtown District

Any nonresidential use within a structure lawfully in existence prior to January 1, 2007 in any Downtown Parking District shall be exempt from the requirements of this Article when applying for a change to any other nonresidential use.

Sec. 8.1.7 Non-conforming Residential Structure

Where additions or conversions to existing residential structures within a Neighborhood or Shared Use Parking District add living space but do not add dwelling units, and such sites do not currently meet the parking standards of **Sec. 8.1.8**, one (1) parking space shall be provided for each additional room. Single detached dwellings shall be exempt from this requirement.

Sec. 8.1.8 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements

Parking for all uses and structures shall be provided in accordance with **Table 8.1.8-1**.

- (a) Where no requirement is designated and the use is not comparable to any of the listed uses, parking requirements shall be determined by the DRB upon recommendation by the administrative officer based upon the capacity of the facility and its associated uses.
- (b) When the calculation yields a fractional number of required spaces, the number of spaces shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Table 8.1.8-1 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements			
	Neighborhood Districts	Shared Use Districts	Downtown Districts
RESIDENTIAL USES	Per Dwelling Unit except as noted		
Multi-unit attached dwelling units, studio units or 1-bedroom dwelling unit.	2	1	1
Single Family detached and Duplex	2	2	1
RESIDENTIAL USES - SPECIAL	Per Dwelling Unit except as noted		
Assisted Living	0.5	0.5	0.4
Bed and Breakfast (per room, in addition to single-family residence)	1	0.75	0.5
Boarding House (per two (2) beds)	1	0.75	0.5
Community House	1	0.75	0.5
Convalescent Home (per four (4) beds)	1	1	1
Dormitory (per two (2) beds)	1	1	1
Emergency Shelter	0	0	0
Group Home (per two (2) beds)	1	1	1
Historic Inn (per room, in addition to single-family residence)	1	0.75	0.5
Sorority & Fraternity (per two (2) beds)	1	1	1
NON-RESIDENTIAL USES	Per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area (gfa) except as noted		
Adult Day Care (per two (2) employees)	1	1	1
Agricultural Use	None	None	None
Amusement Arcade	2	1	0
Animal Boarding/Kennel/Shelter	2.5	1.5	1
Animal Grooming (per grooming station)	1	1	0
Animal Hospitals/Veterinarian Office	3	2	1
Appliance & Furniture Sales/Service	2.5	1	1
Aquarium	1.3	1	1
Art Gallery	3.3	2.5	1
Auction Houses	3.3	2.5	1
Automobile & Marine Parts Sales	2.5	1.5	1
Automobile Body Shop	2 plus 1/bay	2 plus 1/bay	2 plus 1/bay
Automobile Repair/Service	2 plus 1/bay	2 plus 1/bay	2 plus 1/bay

Table 8.1.8-1 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements			
	Neighborhood Districts	Shared Use Districts	Downtown Districts
Automobile Sales – New & Used	2	2	1
Bakery	2.5	2.5	1
Bank, Credit Union	2.5	2	1
Bar/Tavern	4	3	None
Beauty/Barber Shop (per station/chair)	1	1	None
Bicycle Sales/Repair	2.5	1	None
Billiard Parlor (per game table)	1	1	None
Boat Repair/Service	2	2	1
Boat Sales/Rental	2	2	1
Boat Storage	3	2	1
Bowling Alley (per lane)	3	2	1
Building Material Sales	3.3	2.5	1
Café (per four (4) seats)	1	None	None
Camp Ground (per camping space)	1	1	1
Car Wash (stacking spaces per wash bay)	4	4	4
Cemetery	None	None	None
Cinema (per four (4) seats)	1	1	None
Club, Membership	3.3	2.5	1
Community Center	3.3	2.5	1
Community Garden (per ten (10) plots)	1	1	None
Conference Center	3	2	1
Contractor Yard (per 1,000 gfa of office space)	2.5	2	2
Convenience Store	3	2	1
Convention Center	n/a	3	2
Courthouse	n/a	3.3	2
Crematory (per FTE employee)	1	1	1
Crisis Counseling Center	4	3	1
Daycare - Home (6 children or less)	None	None	1 drop-off
Daycare - Large (Over 20 children) (per two (2) employees)	1 plus 1 per 5 children	1 plus 1 per 5 children	2 drop-off
Daycare - Small (20 children or less) (per two (2) employees)	1	1	1
Dental Lab	2	1	None
Distribution Center (per 3,000 gfa)	1	0.75	0.75

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	Neighborhood Districts	Shared Use Districts	Downtown Districts
Dry Cleaning Plant	1.3	1	1
Dry Cleaning Service	2.5	2	2
Film Studio	3.3	2.5	1
Fire Station (per apparatus)	2	2	1
Food & Beverage Processing	1.3, plus 3 per 1,000 gfa devoted to patron use	1, plus 2 per 1,000 gfa devoted to patron use	1
Fuel Service Station (per employee/shift)	1	1	1
Funeral Home (per four (4) seats)	1	1	1
Garden Supply Store (per 1,000 gfa of retail area.)	3	2	1
General Merchandise/Retail	3	2	None
Grocery Store	3	2	None
Hazardous Waste Collection/Disposal (per two (2) employees on the largest shift)	1	1	n/a
Health Club	3	2	1
Health Studio	2	1	None
Hospitals (per patient bed)	2	2	2
Hostel (per two (2) beds)	0.5	0.5	None
Hotel/Motel (per room)	1	0.75	0.75
Laundromats (per washing machine)	1	1	None
Library	1.3	1	None
Lumber Yard (per 1,000 gfa of retail area.)	3	2	1
Machine Shop/Woodworking Shop	1.3	1	1
Manufacturing	1.3	1	1
Manufacturing - Tour Oriented	1.3, plus 3 per 1,000 gfa devoted to patron use.	1.3, plus 2 per 1,000 gfa devoted to patron use.	1
Marina (per berth)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Medical Lab	2	1	None
Museum	1.3	1	1
Office - General	2	2	2
Office - Medical, Dental	3	2	1
Open Air Markets	None	None	None

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	Neighborhood Districts	Shared Use Districts	Downtown Districts
Operations Center - Taxi (per three (3) employees)	1	1	1
Operations Center - Truck/Bus (per 3,000 gfa)	1	0.75	0.75
Park (per playing area)	5	None	None
Parking Garage – Private	None	None	None
Parking Lot – Private	None	None	None
Performing Arts Center (per four (4) seats)	1	1	None
Performing Arts Studio	1	None	None
Pet Store	2.5	1	None
Pharmacy	3	2	1
Photo Studio	2.5	1	None
Photography Lab	1	1	None
Police Station	2.5	2	2
Post Office	1.3	1	1
Post Office - Local	2	2	None
Printing Plant	1.3	1	1
Printing Shop	2	2	None
Public Transit Terminal	1 per 200 gfa of public waiting space	1 per 200 gfa of public waiting space	None
Public Works Yard/Garage	None	None	None
Radio & TV Studio	2	2	2
Rail Equip. Storage & Repair	None	None	None
Recording Studio	1.3	1	1
Recreational Facility - Indoor (per four (4) seats)	1	1	0.5
Recreational Facility - Outdoor (per playing field)	15	10	None
Recreational Facility - Outdoor Commercial	Larger of 1 per 4 seats or 15 per playing field	Larger of 1 per 4 seats or 10 per playing field	1 per 6 seats
Recreational Vehicle Sales – New and Used	2	2	1
Recycling Center - Large above 2,000 gfa	None	None	None
Recycling Center - Small 2,000 gfa or less	None	None	None
Research Lab	2.5	2	2
Restaurant	4	3	None
Restaurant – Take-Out	4	3	None

Table 8.1.8-1 Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements			
	Neighborhood Districts	Shared Use Districts	Downtown Districts
Salon/Spa	4	4	2
School - Secondary (per Classroom)	7	5	2
School - Primary (per Classroom)	1.5	1.5	1.5
School – Preschool Large (over 20 children) (per two (2) employees)	1 plus 1 per 5 children	1 plus 1 per 5 children	1 plus 1 per 5 children
School – Preschool Small (up to 20 children) (per two (2) employees)	1	1	1
School - Trade/Professional	5	3	1
School, - Post-Secondary	2	2	2
Solid Waste Facility - Incinerator, Landfill, Transfer Station	None	None	None
Tailor Shop	2	1	None
Vehicle Salvage	None	None	None
Warehouse	0.5	0.35	0.35
Warehouse - Self Storage Facility	1 per resident manager, plus 1 per 100 leasable storage spaces	1 per resident manager, plus 1 per 100 leasable storage spaces	1 per resident manager, plus 1 per 100 leasable storage spaces
Warehouse - Retail	3.3	2.5	2.5
Wholesale Sales	1.3	1	1
Worship, Place of (per four (4) seats)	1	1	1

Sec. 8.1.9 Maximum Parking Spaces

The total number of parking spaces provided in all parking districts shall not be more than 125% of the minimum number of spaces required for the Neighborhood Parking District for any given use as required in **Table 8.1.8-1**. In no case shall the maximum number of required spaces be less than one (1) per unit of measurement (beds, units, 1000 gross sqft, etc.) for the use.

(a) **Exemptions:** The following shall reduce the maximum number of allowable spaces required by this section:

1. Structured Parking: Spaces provided within the footprint of a structure containing one or more other uses, including rooftop, at-grade, or below grade spaces shall not be counted towards the maximum, provided the floor area dedicated to parking is less than 50% of the total gross floor area of the structure;

2. Public Parking: Spaces provided and available for use by the public shall not be counted towards the maximum;

3. Carpool, Vanpool, and Car-Share Parking: Spaces dedicated for vehicles participating in a carpool, vanpool, or car-share program shall not be counted towards the maximum. Such spaces shall be reserved for such use and be signed or marked accordingly; and,

4. Alternative Fueled Vehicle Parking. Parking spaces dedicated for vehicles operating on primarily alternative fuels including but not limited to electric, natural gas, and hydrogen shall not be counted towards the maximum. Such spaces shall be reserved for such use and be signed and/or the space painted with the words “Alternative Fueled Vehicles Only.”

5. Waiver of Maximum Parking Limitations. Parking in excess of the maximum parking limitation of this section may be waived by the DRB pursuant to the provisions of **Sec 8.1.15** with the following additional requirements:

- A. The applicant requesting the waiver shall also provide a peak demand parking study for two similar uses in the area; and,
- B. The following additional review criteria shall be addressed regarding how:
 - (i) The need for additional parking cannot reasonably be met through provision of on-street parking or shared parking with adjacent or nearby uses;
 - (ii) The proposed development demonstrates that its design and intended uses will continue to support high levels of existing or planned transit and pedestrian activity; and,
 - (iii) The site plan indicates where additional parking can be redeveloped to a more intensive transit supportive use in the future.

Sec. 8.1.10 Off-Street Loading Requirements.

Outside of the Downtown Parking District, every structure constructed after the effective date of this ordinance and used for non-residential use shall provide sufficient space for the unloading and loading of vehicles. The adequacy of any proposed loading areas shall be considered as part of the site plan and traffic circulation review. Such loading areas shall have access to a public alley or a public street in such a way to minimize conflicts with the circulation of other vehicles and pedestrians, be screened from public view, and provide safe and effective access to the city’s street network.

Sec. 8.1.11 Parking Dimensional Requirements

The following standards in **Table 8.1.11-1** below shall be used to ensure safe, adequate, and convenient access and circulation. These standards shall be adhered to except in situations where a lesser standard is deemed necessary by the DRB due to site topography, location of existing or proposed structures, lot configuration, and/or the need

to preserve existing trees and mature vegetation.

Table 8.1.11-1 Minimum Parking Dimensions					
Angle of Parking Space	Width of Space	Length of Space	Width of Angled Space	Length of Angled Space	Minimum Back-Up Length
Standard Cars					
Parallel Parking	9.0'	22.0'	-	-	-
45° Angle	9.0'	20.0'	12.7'	20.5'	15.0'
60° Angle	9.0'	20.0'	10.4'	21.8'	18.0'
90° Angle	9.0'	20.0'	9.0'	20.0'	24.0'
Aisle width (one-way)	10'				
Aisle width (two-way)	20'				
Compact Cars					
Parallel Parking	8.0'	20.0'	-	-	-
45° Angle	8.0'	18.0'	11.2'	18.3'	13.0'
60° Angle	8.0'	18.0'	9.2'	19.8'	15.0'
90° Angle	8.0'	18.0'	8.0'	18.0'	20.0'

Sec. 8.1.12 Limitations, Location, Use of Facilities

(a) Off-Site parking facilities:

Except for single and two-family dwellings, required parking facilities may be located on another parcel of land. The off-site parking area shall be within the same zone as the use it serves or is in a zone that allows parking lots or parking garages as primary uses. Parking that serves any use located outside a residential zone shall not be located within a residential zone. Off-site parking spaces shall be subject to the site plan design standards of Article 6: Part 2. The maximum parking limitations of Section 8.1.9 apply. Off-site parking facilities shall be as follows:

1. Neighborhood Parking District: No more than 50% of the total required parking shall be provided at a distance greater than 600 feet from the use it is intended to serve. For residential uses, a minimum of 1 space per unit shall be provided on-site.
2. Downtown and Shared use Parking Districts: Any off-site parking shall be provided within 1,000 feet of the use it is intended to serve unless such parking

is provided as part of a Parking Management Plan pursuant to **Sec. 8.1.15** approved by the DRB.

3. The distance from the off-site parking to the associated use shall be measured in walking distance along a sidewalk or other pedestrian path separated from street traffic from the nearest parking space to the principle pedestrian entrance to the building housing the use. Such off-site parking shall not reduce the required parking for any other use utilizing the property on which it is located unless such shared use is approved by the development review board. The right to use the off-site parking to meet the minimum parking requirements of Sec. 8.1.8 must be guaranteed for the duration of the use as evidenced by a deed or easement as approved by the City Attorney and recorded in the Burlington land records. Use of off-site parking for parking spaces in excess of the minimum parking requirements of Sec. 8.1.8 may be secured by lease or similar written instrument.

(b) Downtown Street Level Setback:

In order to maintain an active streetscape, any off-street parking occupying street level frontage in the Downtown Parking District shall be setback from the front property line in order to reserve street-level frontage for pedestrian-oriented uses.

(c) Front Yard Parking Restricted:

Required parking in all residential zoning districts shall not be located in a required front yard setback area abutting a public street, except alleys. This prohibition extends from the edge of the public right-of-way into the required front yard setback for the entire width of the property with the exception of a single access drive no more than eighteen feet (18') or less in width. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable during such times as when the winter parking ban pursuant to **Section 20-56 of the Code of Ordinances** is in effect. Where parking is provided outside the front yard setback, but either partially or entirely between the principle structure and the street, such parking shall be screened to the extent practicable from view from the public street.

(d) Shared Parking in Neighborhood Parking Districts:

In the event that a mix of uses occupy a single structure or parcel of land located in a Neighborhood Parking District, the total requirement for off-street parking shall be the sum for all individual uses unless it can be shown that the peak parking demands are offset and spaces can be shared (for example: retail and residential, or theater and office uses). In such cases the parking required must at least meet the requirements for Shared Use Districts.

(e) Single Story Structures in Shared Use Districts:

In the event that a single story structure is proposed to be located in a Shared Use District, the total requirements for off-street parking shall be calculated as for a Neighborhood Parking District. This provision does not apply to single story structures existing and occupied as of the effective date of this ordinance.

(f) Joint Use of Facilities:

The required parking for two (2) or more uses, structures, or parcels may be combined in a single parking facility if it can be shown by the applicant to the satisfaction of the DRB that the use of the joint facility does not materially overlap with other dedicated parking in such facility, and provided that the proposed use is evidenced by a irrevocable deed, lease, contract, reciprocal easement, or similar written instrument establishing the joint use acceptable to the city attorney.

(g) Availability of Facilities:

Required parking pursuant to this Article shall be available for parking of operable passenger vehicles used by residents, customers and employees only, and shall not be used for the storage or display of vehicles or materials. The distribution of parking spaces for any and all individual uses will be required to be arranged in such a way as to ensure optimal access and use by the patrons of such use(s).

(h) Compact Car Parking:

Compact parking spaces may be used in parking structures or lots. Up to fifteen (15%) percent of the total parking spaces in a parking garage may be designated for compact cars. Such spaces shall be signed or the space painted with the words “Compact Car Only.”

Sec. 8.1.13 Parking for Disabled Persons

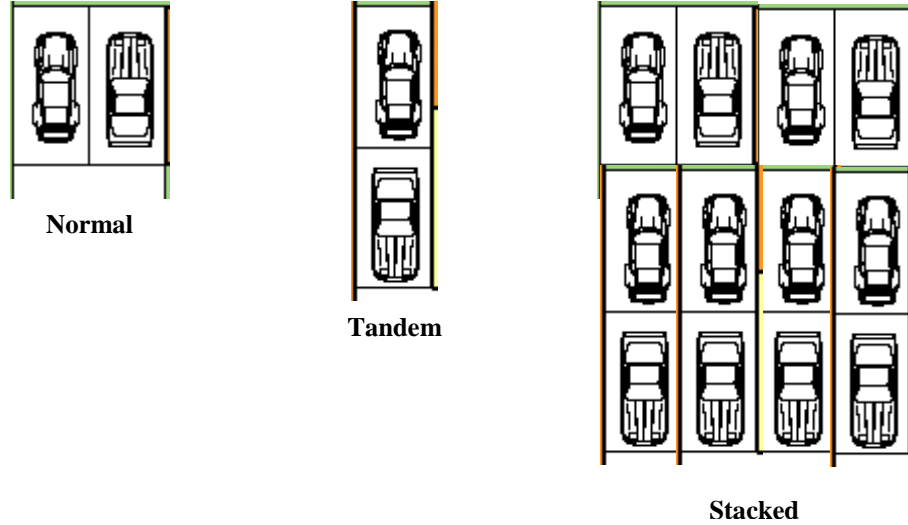
Parking spaces for disabled persons shall comply with current the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines and shall be at least eight feet (8’) wide with an adjacent access aisle at least five feet (5’) wide. Parking access aisles shall be part of an accessible route to the building or facility entrance. Accessible parking spaces shall be designated as reserved for the disabled by a sign showing the symbol of accessibility. Painting of the paved area for the dedicated parking spaces alone shall not be sufficient as the sole means of identifying these spaces.

Sec. 8.1.14 Stacked and Tandem Parking Restrictions

Except as otherwise provided below, all parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without the moving of any other motor vehicle.

- (a) Stacked or valet parking may be allowed if an attendant is present to move vehicles. If stacked parking is used for required parking spaces, a written guarantee must be filed with the City ensuring that an attendant will always be present when the lot is in operation. The requirements for minimum or maximum spaces continue to apply for stacked parking.

(b) Tandem Parking may be allowed for single family detached dwelling units, accessory apartments, duplex dwelling units, and dedicated employee-only parking signed as such. In no case shall more than 4 parking spaces (2 pairs) in total be provided in tandem on any one lot.



Sec. 8.1.15 Waivers from Parking Requirements/ Parking Management Plans

(a) Parking Waivers

The total number of parking spaces required pursuant to this Article may be reduced to the extent that the applicant can demonstrate that the proposed development can be adequately served by a more efficient approach that more effectively satisfies the intent of this Article and the goals of the municipal development plan to reduce dependence on the single-passenger automobile.

Any waiver granted for a residential use shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the required number of parking spaces except for the adaptive reuse of a historic building pursuant to **Sec. 5.4.8** which may be waived by as much as one hundred percent (100%). Any waiver granted for a non-residential use may be as much as ninety percent (90%) except that a waiver for ground floor retail uses in any Form or Mixed Use district may be as much as one hundred percent (100%). Waivers shall only be granted by the DRB, or by the administrative officer pursuant to the provisions of **Sec. 3.2.7 (a)7**.

In order to be considered for a waiver, the applicant shall submit a Parking Management Plan that specifies why the parking requirements of **Sec. 8.1.8** are not applicable or appropriate for the proposed development, and proposes an alternative that more effectively meets the intent of this Article. A Parking Management Plan shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A calculation of the parking spaces required pursuant to **Table 8.1.8-1**.

- (2) A narrative that outlines how the proposed parking management plan addresses the specific needs of the proposed development, and more effectively satisfies the intent of this Article and the goals of the Municipal Development Plan.
- (3) An analysis of the anticipated parking demand for the proposed development. Such an analysis shall include, but is not limited to:
 - i. Information specifying the proposed number of employees, customers, visitors, clients, shifts, and deliveries;
 - ii. Anticipated parking demand by time of day and/or demand by use;
 - iii. Anticipated parking utilizing shared spaces or dual use based on a shared parking analysis utilizing current industry publications;
 - iv. Availability and frequency of public transit service within a distance of 800-feet.
 - v. A reduction in vehicle ownership in connection with housing occupancy, ownership, or type; and,
 - vi. Any other information established by the administrative officer as may be necessary to understand the current and project parking demand.
- (4) Such a plan shall identify strategies that the applicant will use to reduce or manage the demand for parking into the future which may include but are not limited to:
 - i. A telecommuting program;
 - ii. Participation in a Transportation Management Association including methods to increase the use of mass transit, car pool, van pool, or non-auto modes of travel;
 - iii. Implementation of a car-share program;
 - iv. Development or use of a system using offsite parking and/or shuttles; and,
 - v. Implementation of public transit subscriptions for employees.

Prior to any approval by the DRB pursuant to this section, the means by which the parking management plan will be guaranteed and enforceable over the long term, such as a contract, easement, or other means, and whether the city should be a party to the management contract or easement, shall be made acceptable to the city attorney.

(b) Share Parking for Off-Site Use

Onsite parking spaces may be made available for use by off-site users subject to review and approval of a Parking Management Plan by the DRB.

The Parking Management Plan must include the following:

1. A calculation of the parking spaces required pursuant to Table 8.1.8-1 and a calculation of those parking spaces to be shared for off-site parking use.

2. Information specifying the actual onsite demand for required parking by day, time of day, and by use and also information specifying when and how much parking would be made available to off-site users.
3. A narrative that outlines how the proposed parking management plan will allow for shared use of required parking spaces with off-site users; how it will enable continued availability of required parking spaces pursuant to Table 8.1.8-1 while also affording off-site parking use of those spaces.

The Parking Management Plan must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the DRB that making spaces available to off-site users does not negatively affect their ability for onsite users to park due to either:

1. There being an excess of onsite spaces beyond that necessary to satisfy the requirements of Sec. 8.1.8; and/or,
2. The spaces are to be made available during off-peak hours of the onsite and/or required users.

Parking spaces being made available to off-site users may be made available:

- Either with or without a fee;
- For transient use by the general public; and/or,
- By lease, provided the term of any lease does not exceed one (1) year.

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PART 2: BICYCLE PARKING

Sec. 8.2.1 Intent

It is the intent of this subpart to:

- (a) Ensure the provision of parking spaces that are designed for bicycles and to ensure that bicycle parking needs of new land uses and development are met, while ensuring bicycle parking spaces are designed and located in a consistent manner. Provide bicycle access to employment, commercial destinations, and other transportation alternatives;
- (b) Provide safe, convenient, and adequate bicycle parking facilities that:
 1. Meet the demands of the use of the property;
 2. Reduce hazards to pedestrians;
 3. Enhance the visual quality of the city;

4. Reduce the adverse impacts associated with the bicycle parking, which includes bicycles parked on parking meters, signs, trees, etc; and,
5. Encourage the use of bicycles which has the effect of reducing traffic congestion, influencing modal split, and increasing the safety and welfare of residents and visitors to the city.

Sec. 8.2.2 Applicability

Bicycle parking requirements as set forth in this subpart shall apply to new development, changes in land use, and changes to a structure that cause an increase or decrease of 25% or greater in gross floor area, seating capacity, or number of dwelling units.

Sec. 8.2.3 Joint Use of Bicycle Parking Facilities

Required bicycle parking spaces for two (2) or more adjacent uses or structures may be satisfied by the same parking facilities used jointly, provided that such right of joint use and maintenance is evidenced by a deed, lease, contract, reciprocal easement, or similar written instrument establishing the joint use, and that the facilities are within 200 feet of the building or parcel housing the use.

Sec. 8.2.4 Bicycle Parking Requirements

Bicycle parking for all uses and structures in all Parking Districts shall be provided in accordance with **Table 8.2.4-1**.

- (a) Where no requirement is designated, and the use is not comparable to any of the listed uses, bicycle parking requirements shall be determined by the DRB upon recommendation of the city's bicycle and pedestrian planner based upon the capacity of the facility and its associated uses.
- (b) When the calculation yields a fractional number of required spaces, the number of spaces shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (c) Where bicycle parking is required, the minimum number of bicycle parking spaces provided at each site shall be two (2), not including long term parking.
- (d) Bicycle parking that meets the requirements for both long term and short term bicycle parking may contribute to the minimum requirement of one type or the other but not both.

Table 8.2.4-1 Bicycle Parking Requirements

	Specific Use	Long Term Spaces	Short Term Spaces
	Per Square Feet of Gross Building Area, except as noted otherwise		
RESIDENTIAL			
Household Living	Multi unit	1 per 2 bedrooms	1 per 10 units
Group living	Elderly housing	1 per 10 units	1 per 10 units
	Fraternity, sorority, & dormitory	1 per 3 residents	1 per 6 residents
Temporary lodging	Hotel, motel, bed & breakfast, boarding house, campground	1 per 20 rooms/sites	2 per 20 rooms/sites
COMMERCIAL			
Office		1 per 5,000 sq. ft.	1 per 10,000 sq. ft.
	Medical, dental	1 per 5,000 sq. ft.	1 per 8,000 sq. ft.
Retail sales and service		1 per 12,000 sq. ft.	1 per 2,000 sq. ft.
	Auto, boat, motorcycle related sales, service and retail	1 per 30,000 sq. ft.	1 per 10,000 sq. ft.
	Restaurants, bars, taverns	1 per 1,000 sq. ft.	Per 500 sq. ft. of seating space
INDUSTRIAL			
Industrial, manufacturing, production, and warehousing		1 per 20,000 sq. ft.	1 per 25,000 sq. ft. (at least 2 per public entrance)
PERMITTED PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL USES			
Colleges or Universities	Excluding dormitories	1 per 15,000 sq. ft.	1 per 1,000 sq. ft.
Daycare, except home		1 per 20,000 sq. ft.	1 per 10,000 sq. ft.
Schools	Grades 2-5	1 per 20,000 sq. ft. plus 1 per 10 of student capacity	2 per classroom
	Grades 6-12	1 per 20,000 sq. ft. plus 1 per 10 of student capacity	4 per classroom
Community Services	Museums, aquariums, libraries, community centers,	1 per 20,000 sq. ft.	1 per 1,500 sq. ft.

	municipal buildings, post office		
Medical Center	Excluding medical or dental offices	1 per 10,000 sq. ft.	1 per 20,000 sq. ft.
Worship, places of		1 per 20,000 sq. ft.	1 per 20 seats
Recreation, government owned	Parks	Per DRB review	1 per 10 daily users
OTHER			
Terminal	Taxi/Bus/Passenger/ Ferry	As determined during Site Plan Review by DRB	As determined during Site Plan Review by DRB
Parking	Parking lot, garage; public or private	1 per 20 automobile spaces (minimum of 6)	1 per 10 automobile spaces (minimum 6)- to be located within view of entrance

Sec. 8.2.5 Limitations

- (a) No bicycle parking spaces required by this standard shall be rented or leased to employees or residents residing at the location at which bicycle parking is required; however, a refundable deposit fee may be charged. This does not preclude a bike parking rental business.
- (b) Short term bicycle parking may be provided within the public street right-of-way. Provision of bicycle parking within the right-of-way requires an encumbrance permit issued at the discretion of the City Council with recommendation from the Department of Public Works.

Sec. 8.2.6 Location & Design Standards

- (a) All bicycle parking facilities shall be installed in accordance with the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals’ “Bicycle Parking Guidelines.” (Revision 1.0. September 2015)
- (b) Short term bicycle parking or a sign leading thereto shall be visible from the main entrance of the structure or facility.
- (c) Short term bicycle parking shall be as convenient to cyclists as auto parking.
- (d) Short term bicycle parking may be provided within the interior of a building. In such cases, the bicycle parking must be located such that it is immediately apparent and accessible to the public, such as within the front lobby. Outdoor directional signage shall indicate the availability of such parking indoors.
- (e) Bicycle parking facilities such as bicycle racks and lockers shall provide sufficient security from theft and damage. Bicycle racks shall be securely anchored to the ground, shall allow the bicycle wheel and frame to be locked to the rack, and shall be in a location with sufficient lighting and visibility.

- (f) Bicycle parking facilities shall be visually compatible and of a design standard consistent with their environment and the development standards of **Art 6**.
- (g) Required bicycle parking spaces shall be of a sufficient dimension to accommodate a full-sized bicycle, including space for access and maneuvering.
- (h) Bicycle parking facilities shall be sufficiently separated from motor vehicle parking areas to protect parked bicycles from damage by motor vehicles.
- (i) The surfacing of bicycle parking facilities shall be designed and maintained to be clear of mud and snow.
- (j) Bicycle parking facilities shall be kept in place and maintained for year-round use.
- (k) Covered bicycle parking facilities are encouraged whenever feasible.
- (l) Existing bicycle parking may be used to satisfy the requirements of this section provided the rack design is consistent with Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' "Bicycle Parking Guidelines."

Sec. 8.2.7 Payment in Lieu

In instances wherein the total requirement for short term bicycle parking cannot be accommodated onsite, the applicant may make a payment to the Department of Public Works to construct short term bicycle parking facilities in the public street right-of-way. The payment shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the bicycle parking equipment (i.e. such as racks), installation, and 5 year estimated maintenance costs. The short term bicycle parking is met or as much as may be reasonably accommodated in the public right-of-way as determined by the Department of Public Works, whichever is less. The option to provide an in lieu payment shall be at the discretion of the Director of public Works or their designee and will be based on evidence that short term bicycle parking cannot be accommodated onsite. Alternatively, within the right-of-way per Sec. 8.2.5 (b).

Sec. 8.2.8 Long Term Bicycle Parking

- (a) Long term bicycle parking shall:
 - 1. Protect bicycles from the weather;
 - 2. Provide secure storage that prevents theft of the bicycle and accessories; and,
 - 3. Be located in a well lit area.
- (b) Long Term bicycle parking requirements can be met in any of the following ways:
 - 1. A bicycle storage room;
 - 2. Bicycle lockers, pods, or lids;
 - 3. Lockable bicycle enclosure; or

- 4. By certifying to the city’s bicycle and pedestrian planner that employees may store their bicycles within their workspace and that residents may store their bicycles within their dwelling unit.
- (c) When long term parking is required, showers and changing facilities for employees shall be required in accordance with **Table 8.2.8-1**, except for parking garages, parking lots, and residential units, which are exempt from the requirements of this section. Shower and changing facilities shall be provided onsite or through an agreement for offsite use.

Table 8.2.8-1 Shower and Changing Facilities	
Required Long Term Spaces	Minimum Number of Required Shower and Changing Facilities
1-4	1
5-10	2
11-20	3
21+	4 plus one for each additional 15 Long Term spaces or part thereof

Sec. 8.2.9 Waivers from Bicycle Parking Requirements

- (a) Requests for reductions to bicycle parking requirements shall be made and documented separately from requests made for reductions in the automobile parking requirements.
- (b) The requirements of **Sec. 8.2.5** may be reduced upon approval of the DRB based upon recommendation of the city’s bicycle and pedestrian planner to the extent that the applicant can demonstrate the regulation is unnecessarily stringent due to:
 - 1. The characteristics of the use, structure, or facility makes the use of bicycles unlikely;
 - 2. The characteristics of the site or area preclude the installation of bicycle parking; and/or,
 - 3. Results from a documented survey of bicycle parking use in similar situations.
- (c) For reductions granted due to the characteristics of a site or area, applicants must mitigate the loss of bicycle parking through contribution into the capital fund. The amount shall be equal to the cost required for installation of required bicycle parking.

PART 3: INSTITUTIONAL PARKING PLANS

Sec. 8.3.1 Intent

It is the intent of this part to:

- a. Ensure that city streets in nearby neighborhoods are not unfairly burdened by parking demands from post-secondary educational or medical institutions; and,
- b. Recognize the unique ability of institutions to manage their own parking resources in a comprehensive and creative way.

Sec. 8.3.2 Applicability

Each post-secondary educational or medical institution within the Institutional district shall provide off-street parking and loading facilities consistent with its needs according to the standards specified in this Article.

In order to accomplish the intent of this Part, each such institution, either individually or collectively, shall prepare, maintain, and monitor a comprehensive parking management plan for their respective campus or institution.

Sec. 8.3.3 Institutional Parking Management Plans

In addition to the requirements of **Sec. 8.1.15** above, an Institutional Parking Management Plan shall include the following:

- (a) Information specifying the proposed number of students (full-time, part-time, commuter, on-campus, off-campus, and continuing education), faculty and staff (full-time and part-time), patients and visitors being served by the institution and anticipated over the ensuing five-year period.
- (b) An analysis of the anticipated parking demand by user group, time of day and/or demand by use;
- (c) Information specifying the number and composition of the institution's vehicle fleet, where these vehicles are regularly kept, and designated "service vehicle-only" parking;
- (d) Programs, policies, or incentives used to reduce or manage the demand for parking which may include but are not limited to:
 1. Policies which restrict and/or prohibit the bringing of vehicles to the institution for various users or groups of users;
 2. Programs to encourage the use of public transit, walking and bicycling;
 3. Implementation of a parking permit system to allocate parking throughout the system; and,
- (e) Implementation of a monitoring, compliance and enforcement system to measure and ensure compliance with the plan.

Sec. 8.3.4 Review and Approval of Institutional Parking Management Plans

Such a plan shall require review and approval by the DRB, after consultation with the planning commission, and after a public hearing. In order to approve a proposed Institutional Parking Plan, the DRB shall find:

- a. the proposed Institutional Parking Plan adequately serves existing and proposed development by the institution(s);
- b. the proposed Institutional Parking Plan more effectively meets the intent of this Article and the goals of the municipal development plan than would strict adherence to the underlying requirements of this Article.

Such a plan, if approved by the DRB, shall be applicable for a period not to exceed five (5) years, and may be amended as necessary pursuant to the requirements of this Part. The institution shall provide a report annually to the administrative officer regarding the implementation and performance of the approved plan.

Sec. 8.3.5 Review and Approval of Applications for Future Development

In reviewing any application for development from a post-secondary educational or medical institution within the Institutional district, the DRB shall find that the proposal is consistent with an approved Institutional Parking Plan.

Any development proposed by a post-secondary educational or medical institution within the Institutional Campus district that is found not to be consistent with an approved Institutional Parking Plan shall only be approved pursuant to the underlying parking requirements of **Parts 1** and **2** of this Article.