

City Building Program

DRAFT ZONING BYLAW | SPRING 2025

The new Zoning Bylaw is currently under development to replace the existing Land Use Bylaw 1P2007. It will simplify the rules that determine how land is used and the form of buildings in Calgary. Learn more: **calgary.ca/citybuilding**



Parking for bikes, scooters, strollers and more

Providing high quality parking for bicycles, scooters, strollers, and other wheeled options is important to support choice in everyday mobility—not just for recreation, but for commuting, shopping, deliveries, and more. The new Zoning Bylaw aims to strengthen requirements to ensure parking meets the range of needs of residents.

How should bicycle parking rules support safe and convenient wheeling options?

Key ideas

Types of parking

Updated requirements for different bike parking types, including accessible options for cargo bikes and larger bicycles, and new standards for horizontal (ground-mounted) racks.

Quality

Stronger standards to ensure facilities are secure, accessible, weather-protected, and well located.

Various needs

Short-term and long-term parking options, with endof-trip amenities (such as bike lockers and showers) for multi-unit housing and workplaces.

Best practices

Align with leading North American guidelines to support choice in mobility options and mode shift that contributes to climate goals.

Considerations

- For builders and owners: Bicycle parking requirements may increase costs and space needs but could attract tenants and reduce demand for vehicle parking.
- For businesses: Convenient short-term parking may draw more customers who arrive by bike or scooter. However, businesses may not be conducive to bicycles as a mode of travel.
- For streets and public space: Dedicated parking reduces ad-hoc locking on street trees, fences, or signposts, improving safety and the streetscape.
- For people choosing to bike or wheel: More secure and visible parking improves safety and makes it easier to use bikes, scooters, and strollers for everyday travel.

Concepts



Bicycle parking

A designated area with fixtures to securely park and lock a bicycle. It must be anchored to a hard surface or fixed structure and allow the bike frame and both wheels to be secured.

Connections to the Calgary Plan

Mobility

 The Calgary Plan calls for secure wheeling parking and planning for public and shared facilities. It also emphasizes providing affordable and sustainable mobility options for people of all ages and abilities, with strong connections to the wheeling network.

Read the Calgary Plan

Chapter 3: Connecting Calgary

- 3.2 Mobility systems

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Connections to other plans and strategies

- Cycling Strategy: Supports increasing cycling mode share and providing infrastructure to meet demand.
- Street Manual: Promotes streets that are accessible and functional for a range of mobility choices. Infrastructure for parking bikes, scooters and strollers contributes to Complete Streets design principles, enhancing active mobility.
- Climate Strategy: Enhancing bike and scooter parking offers low emission travel options and supports environment goals.

Other zoning subjects

• Parking: Complements car parking changes by improving choice of mobility options.



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