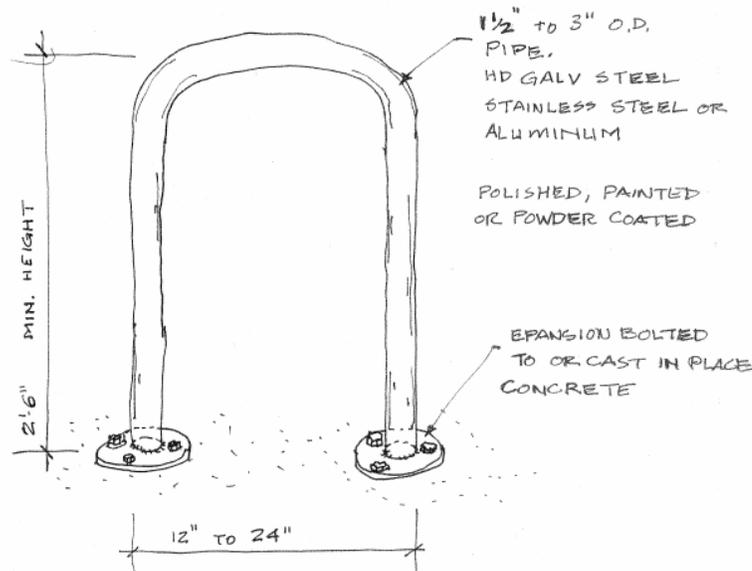
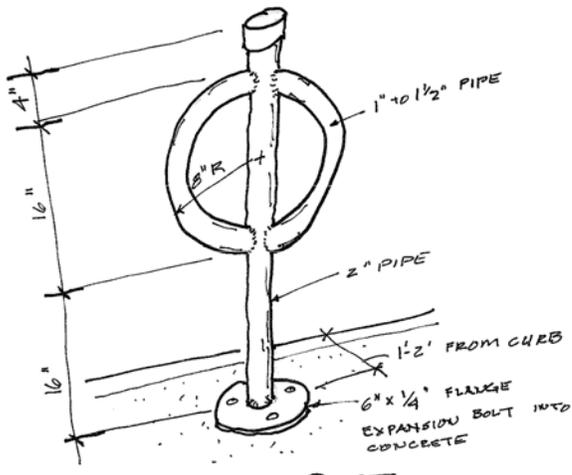


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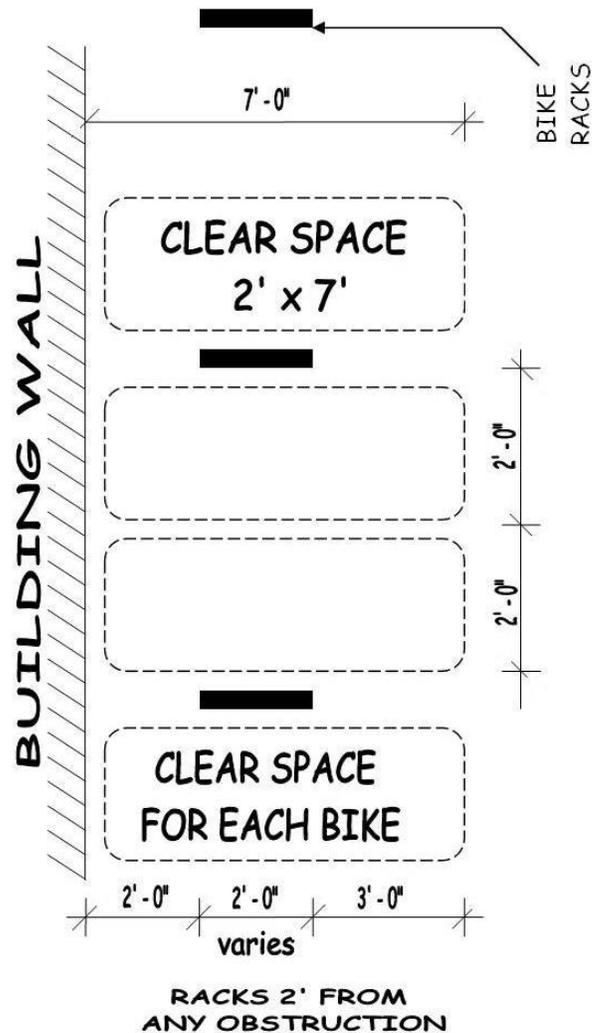
GUIDE TO BICYCLE PARKING

This guide explains Watertown's Zoning Requirements for Bicycle Parking. If you are planning a new development, you may be required to install bicycle parking that meets these zoning requirements. Even if you are not required to install bicycle parking you may want to attract and accommodate cyclists. If you see bicycles locked to trees, posts or other stationary objects nearby that may be a sign that you need bicycle parking. You may already have bicycle parking installed but find it is not being used.

The zoning regulations contain specifications that ensure that any bicycle parking you install will work. It can be very simple and easy to do. Follow the diagrams below or check out the zoning regulations explained on the next page.



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EXAMPLES OF RACKS THAT MEET SPECIFICATIONS



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TYPICAL RACK LAYOUT

<p>WATERTOWN ZONING ORDINANCE - SECTION 6.07</p> <p>(a) Off street bicycle parking should be provided as follows:</p>	<p>GUIDELINES/EXPLANATION</p>
<p>(1) One bicycle parking space for every 15 automobile parking spaces, with a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 50 spaces, must be provided. No bicycle parking is required where fewer than 15 automobile parking spaces are required.</p>	<p>Only if you have fewer than 15 automobile spaces or are one of the uses specified in section (5) below are you exempt from this requirement.</p> <p>The minimum 4 spaces can be easily accommodated by two U frame racks.</p>
<p>(2) Each bicycle parking space shall be sufficient to accommodate a bicycle 7 feet in length and 2 feet in width.</p> <p>Inverted U frame racks that support the bicycle at two or more points above and on either side of the bicycle's center of gravity are required. An alternative style of rack that, in the opinion of the Zoning Board of Appeals, provides a comparable level of security and convenience may be provided.</p> <p>Racks must be secured to the ground.</p>	<p>Spacing needs to allow for easy access and maneuverability. Rack should be at least 2 feet from any obstacle. Provide a space for the bicycle 7 feet by 2 feet.</p> <p>U frames are generally the best design. Post and ring styles also work. Any alternate style should be at least 30 inches high to meet the support requirement.</p> <p>Secure in a method that can not be easily undone with common tools. For example, welding bolts or casting in concrete are two acceptable methods.</p>
<p>(3) It is recommended that half be provided as long term parking, safe and secure from vandalism and theft,</p> <p>and protected from the elements.</p> <p>The other half shall be provided as short term (customer or visitor) parking, and it is recommended that these spaces be visible and convenient to building entrance.</p>	<p>Long term parking provides employees, students, residents and commuters who generally stay at a site for several hours a secure and weather protected place to park. It should be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well lit • Near foot traffic or other activity • Visible to security or building users <p>A permanent cover of the space is needed for protection from the elements.</p> <p>Short term parking provides shoppers, customers, and other visitors convenience and access. Convenience is achieved if the location is visible from the main entrance. Signage can help if location is not readily visible.</p>
<p>(4) Any property owner required to have bicycle parking may elect to establish a shared bicycle parking facility with any other property owner within the same block to meet the combined requirements.</p>	
<p>(5) The following uses are exempt from these requirements: Funeral parlor, undertaker, automobile repair or body shop, gas station, and car wash.</p>	
<p>(6) These requirements may be varied by the Board of Appeals by Special Permit, based upon a determination that the proposed bicycle parking facilities will adequately address the purposes of this section.</p>	