

Everett Bike Parking Guidelines



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Introduction

Purpose

Visitor bike parking is parking that allows people who ride bikes to leave their bikes at destinations for a couple of hours. These guidelines will ensure that bike ridership is supported through bike parking throughout the city, where people riding bikes need it the most. With these guidelines, bike racks can be installed near convenient and frequently visited stops.

Intentionally and strategically installing bike parking will continue the effort in increasing bike ridership in the City of Everett.

Type of Racks

Multiple types of bicycle racks are efficient for parking bicycles. Bike racks should allow bikes to stand up on their own and accommodate at least two bikes properly locked.

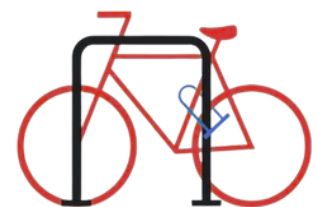
The Post-and-Ring Rack

The preferred rack for the City of Everett is the Post-and-ring rack (hitch rack). These racks can be placed parallel to the street/curb, or perpendicular if space allows.



The Inverted "U" Rack

This rack can be an option if there is ample space, and a great need for bicycle parking.



Installing Racks

Bicycle racks must be in areas where they can meet the needs of people visiting different businesses, residents, and other destinations. They also must be visible to the public and must be able to be accessed and used clearly.

Location of Installation:

Locations for bike racks must be visible and accessible to people from the public right-of-way. They should be close to busy city commercial centers, schools, parks, and other areas where bike parking would be expected. Bike parking should be in well-lit areas and should serve people who ride bikes year-round.

Clearance:

The installation of bicycle racks must preserve the accessibility of sidewalks. Sidewalks must have at least 5' of clearance on sidewalks. The table below presents suggested clearances of bike racks and other objects.

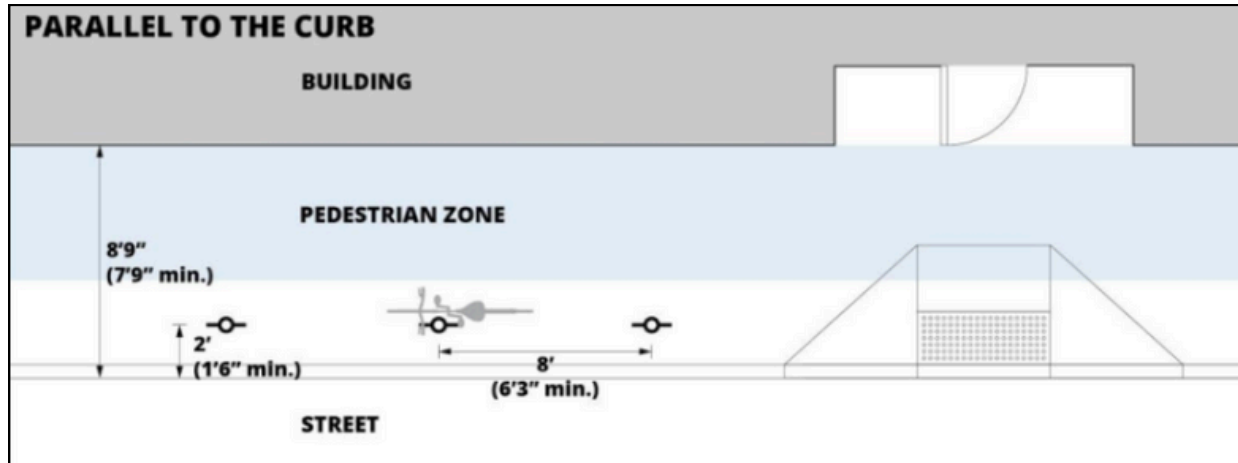
| Type of Object | Suggested Distance | Minimum Distance* |
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| Curb ramps, fire hydrants | 8' | 6' |
| Bus stops, bus shelters, and commercial loading zones | 5' | 4' |
| Accessible parking spaces, driveways, and other street furniture (e.g. light poles, signposts, trash cans, edges of tree pits, mailboxes) | 4' | 3' |

*Distance from the center of the bike rack to the edge of the object

Orientation of Bike Racks:

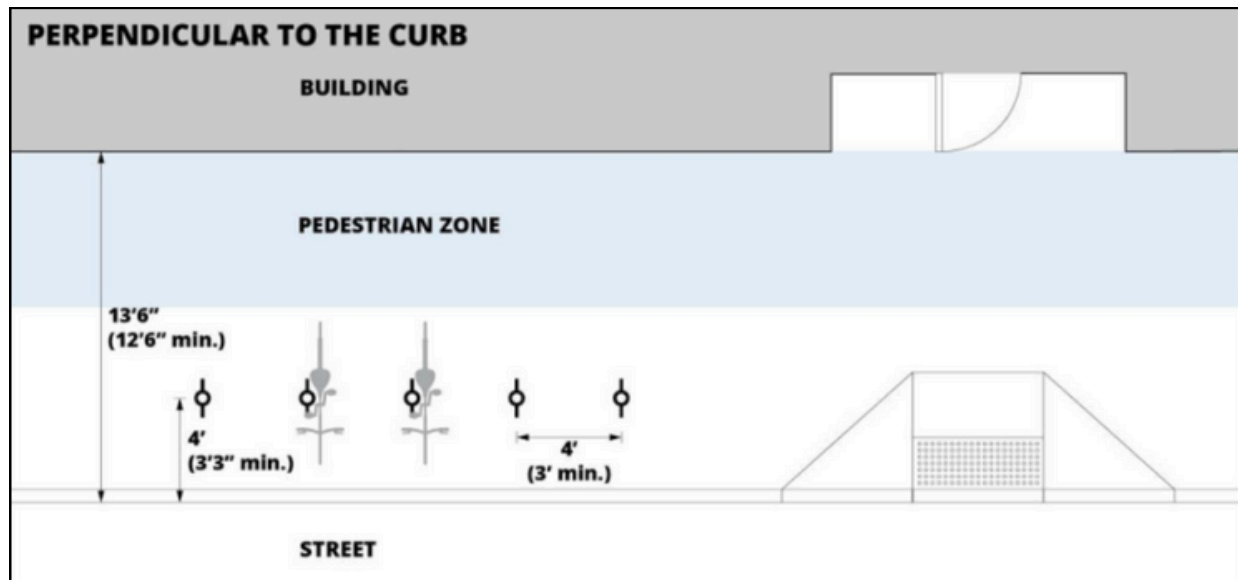
Narrow Sidewalks (greater than 7'9"): **Parallel**

Bike racks should be parallel to the curb on narrow side walks, and racks must be placed 8' away from each other (from the center point) and 2' from the curb of the street.



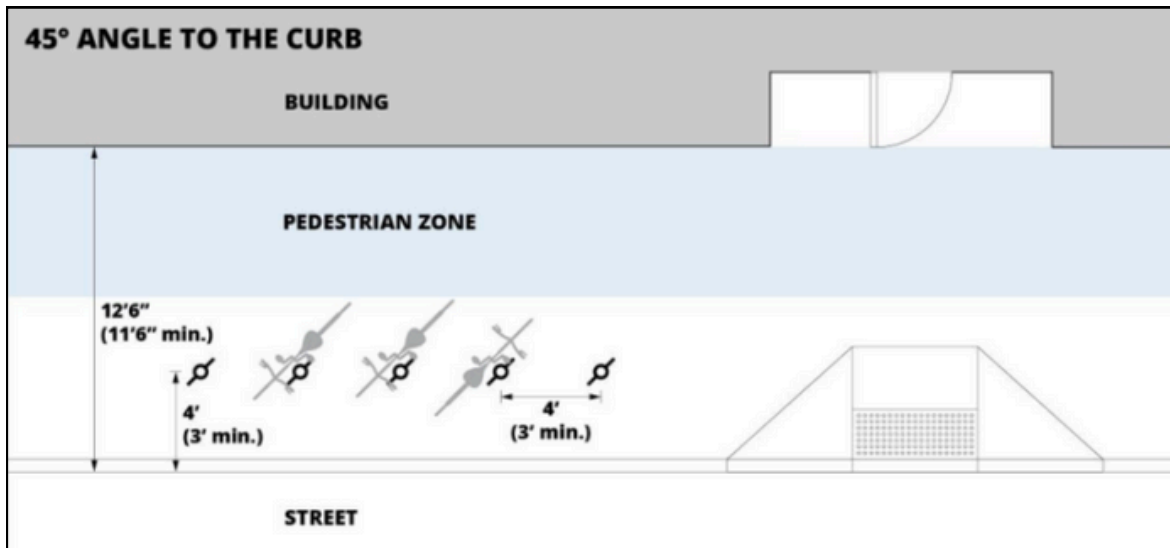
Spacious Sidewalks (greater than 13'6"): **Perpendicular**

Bike racks that are perpendicular to the curb must be placed 4' away from each other, and 4' away from the curb (from the center of the rack).



Average Sidewalks (greater than 11'6"): **Angled 45°**

Bike racks that are angled 45° from the curb must be placed 4' away from each other, and 4' away from the curb (from the center of the rack).



Signage:

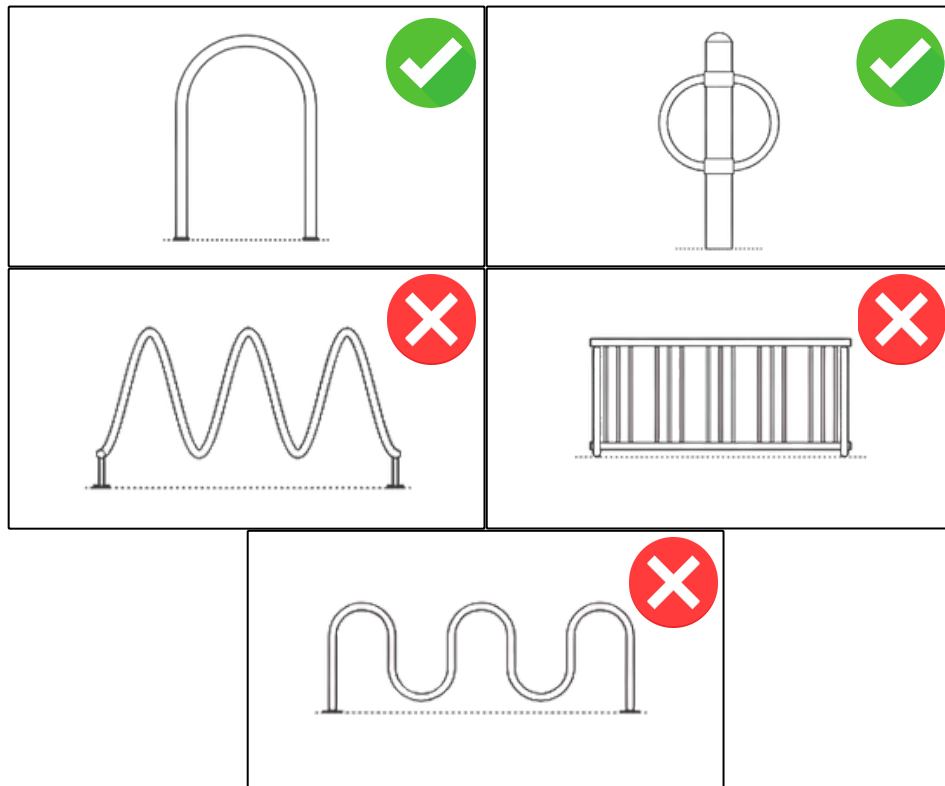
Signage should be available for all bike parking that is not visible in the public right-of-way.



Unacceptable Bike Racks:

Unacceptable bike racks are those that:

- Only support the bike at one point.
- Allow the bike to fall with no support.
- Have sharp edges.
- Support the bicycle with one wheel.
- Suspend any part of the bike in the air, or bikes that have to be lifted to be positioned in the rack.



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