ORDINANCE NO. BL2014-714

An Ordinance amending 17.20 of the Metropolitan Code pertaining to providing bicycle parking (Proposal No. 2014Z-008TX-001).

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has a vested interest in improving the health of Nashvillians and providing a range of travel options for residents and visitors to Nashville;

WHEREAS, both obesity and insufficient physical activity are creating significant health problems for Americans;

WHEREAS, bicycling is a safe, low impact aerobic activity, enjoyed by millions of Americans, and provides a convenient opportunity to obtain physical exercise while traveling to work, shops, restaurants, and many other common destinations;

WHEREAS, bicycling frequently provides a practical alternative to driving, since 28 percent of all car trips are to destinations within 1 mile of home, 40 percent of all trips are two miles or less from home, and around 30 percent of commuters travel 5 miles or less to work;

WHEREAS, bicycling can greatly increase access to important services and provide more range of travel for people who do not own or cannot operate a car;

WHEREAS, replacing car trips with bicycle trips reduces congestion and wear and tear on Nashville's roads, improving quality of life for residents and providing financial benefits for Nashvillians and for Metropolitan Government;

WHEREAS, cities that have improved bicycle infrastructure, including parking, have seen a measurable increase in bicycle trips;

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee has endorsed the Bike Parking Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Nashville was recognized among American cities in 2013 as a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Chapter 17.20 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended by adding the following Section 17.20.135 (Bicycle parking):

A. Space Required. Bicycle parking shall be provided for all principal uses located within the Urban Zoning Overlay district or an Urban Design Overlay district.

1. Bicycle parking shall be required as provided in Table 17.20.135 for any new building or structure and any addition or enlargement of an existing building of more than 50% of the gross floor area. For additions or enlargements, the bicycle parking requirement shall apply only to the additional building floor area.

B. Unless otherwise expressly stated in Table 17.20.135, a minimum of two publicly available bicycle spaces shall be provided for every use. Unless specified in Table 17.20.135, residential uses shall not be required to provide bicycle parking.

C. One vehicle parking space required by Section 17.20.030 may be used as a space for providing bicycle parking.

D. Where subsurface conditions or below-ground infrastructure make bicycle parking difficult or infeasible, the Zoning Administrator, based on a recommendation from the Planning Department, may reduce or waive the required bicycle parking and/or may approve different design and location standards for required bicycle parking spaces.

E. Required bicycle parking spaces design and location standards shall meet the recommendations of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) Bicycle Parking Guidelines.

1. Required bicycle parking spaces shall be located in a convenient and visible area within fifty feet of a principal entrance or other approved location by the Zoning Administrator with guidance from the Department of Public Works and shall permit the locking of the bicycle frame and one wheel to a rack or fixture and shall support a bicycle in a stable position without damage to the wheels, frame or components.

2. Required bicycle parking spaces shall not be located on a residential balcony.

Table 17.20.135 Bicycle Parking Requirements.

Use	**Minimum Bicycle Parking Requirement**
Residential, Multi-Family	2 spaces or 1 space per 4 dwelling units, whichever is greater, provided the requirement for the residential, multi-family use shall not exceed 50 spaces. 2 of the required spaces or 20% of the total spaces, whichever is greater, shall be publicly available.
Boardinghouse	2 spaces or 1 space per 4 rental units, whichever is greater, provided the requirement shall not exceed 20 spaces.
Community Education	1 space per classroom.
General office	2 spaces per establishment or 1 space per 15,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Restaurant, fast food	4 spaces per establishment
Restaurant, full-service	4 spaces per establishment
Retail	2 spaces per establishment or 1 space per 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Fractions: Any fraction less than one-half shall be disregarded and any fraction of one-half or more shall be rounded upward to the next highest full number.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days from and after its passage and such change be published in a newspaper of general circulation, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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ALL REQUIRED FEES HAVE BEEN PAID