

City of Olympia

Racks on Demand Program

Purpose

To make bicycling downtown more convenient, the City installs bike on downtown sidewalks.

The racks provide security from theft, and help to prevent parked bikes from blocking sidewalks and damaging street trees.

This program is intended for businesses without a parking lot or other secondary space to install a rack.



Requesting a Rack

A business can request a bike rack in front of their storefront, or any citizen can request the installation of a rack. The adjacent business owner(s) will be involved in the decision to install the rack, and the location of the rack.

City crews will install a rack one month from the time of the request.

Style of Rack

The style of rack used is called an “A” rack. The cross bar of the rack allows the bike lock to be contained within the rack so that unbolting the rack at the base will not free the lock and bike. Two bikes can be locked to one “A” rack - one on each side, parallel to the rack.

Stickers on the bike rack explain bikes should be parked parallel to the rack, in order not to obstruct the sidewalk.

The “A” rack was reviewed and accepted by the Design Review Board and Site Plan Review Committee. The racks are installed repeatedly, without additional review as long as site criteria, below, are met.

Site Criteria

The rack is placed in a manner that when 2 bikes are parked, they will not obstruct pedestrian travel, or block access to parked cars, parking meters or bus stops. A minimum of 6 feet of continuous unobstructed sidewalk width for pedestrians must be maintained.

The space needed for each parked bike is approximately 6-foot long and 2-foot wide.

The curb side of the sidewalk is ideal, approximately 2-3 feet from the curb face.

For More Information

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