

Article 53

Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Bike Parking Requirements and Waiver of Design Standards for Site Plans

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When a property is being developed or redeveloped and requires review by the Planning Board, we have standards for parking, loading, layout, compact spaces, landscaping, etc.

But... no requirement to provide for bicycle parking or storage. This amendment adds the expectation that bicycle parking should be considered.

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Amend the Zoning Bylaw Section *7.7.3 Design Standards* by adding a new subsection “*7.7.3.8 Bicycle parking*: Bicycle parking or storage shall be provided for use by residents, employees and other users of the site. Long-term bicycle parking for residents and employees shall be located in secure, weather-protected, restricted access facilities. Short-term bicycle parking for visitors and users of a site shall be located in convenient and accessible locations.”

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Further, this amendment will also allow the Board of Appeals to consider relief or waivers from all of the Design standards on a case by case basis and be more responsive to the concerns of a specific site, such as Historic sites or sites located in a rural setting.

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Two examples of historic sites where relief from design standards would be advantageous – the Thoreau Birth House and Barrett Farmhouse.



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By adding a new subsection 7.7.3.13 as follows:

7.7.3.13 Relief from design standards: The Board may, upon advice of the Planning Board, grant relief from the design standards contained in Section 7.7.3 where the variation in the standards can be supported by a study prepared by a qualified consultant and where the Board finds that the desired relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the neighborhood and without derogating from the intent and purpose of this Bylaw.

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