

City of Des Moines' Parking Regulations

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Today's Agenda



Background

Key Provisions

Transit Oriented Districts

Parking Credits and Reductions

How to Calculate Shared Parking

Future Considerations

Questions/Discussion

Background

New codes effective December 16, 2019

Parking regulations in Planning and Design Code- Chapter 135, Article 6

Intent: Parking that meets the basic day-to-day needs of shoppers, employees, visitors and residents while also avoiding negative impacts from requiring excessive quantities of off-street parking.

Intent: Providing flexible methods of responding to the transportation and access demands of various land uses in different areas of the city.

Key Provisions

Administrative
review and relief

30-40% Citywide
reduction from
previous code

50% less than
suburbs for
restaurants and
retail uses

Alternative ratios
allowed

Bike parking
required

Off-site parking
agreements
allowed

Transit Oriented Districts

DX Districts:

No minimum parking required

Can't exceed minimum ratios of Table 6.4-1

MX1 and MX2 Districts:

40% reduction of minimum ratios

Can't exceed 120% of minimum ratios

Parking Credits & Reductions

On-street parking

Car-share and bike-share service

Motorcycle and scooter parking



Shared Parking Calculations

TABLE 135-6.5-1. SHARED PARKING FACTORS						
Land Use	Time					
	Weekday			Weekend		
	12A-7A	7A-6P	6P-12A	12A-7A	7A-6P	6P-12A
Residential	100%	55%	100%	100%	80%	100%
Office/Industrial	5%	100%	10%	0%	10%	5%
Lodging	100%	60%	90%	100%	65%	80%
Eating/Drinking	50%	70%	100%	50%	60%	100%
Religious Assembly	0%	10%	30%	0%	85%	25%
Assembly/Entert.	10%	30%	60%	10%	70%	100%
Retail Sales/Service	5%	70%	80%	0%	100%	60%

Future
Considerations

Eliminate minimum
parking requirements?

Establish maximum
parking requirements?

Questions / Discussion

