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Adopted: 12/21/2023

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE BICYCLE PARKING FOR CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT LOCATIONS: CHAPTER 9, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Section 6-29-310 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, authorizes the County of Charleston to enact or amend its zoning and land development regulations to guide development in accordance with existing and future needs and in order to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) has reviewed the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Development Standards, of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR), in accordance with the procedures established in South Carolina law and the ZLDR and has recommended that the Charleston County Council (“County Council”) adopt the proposed amendment of the ZLDR as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, County Council held at least one public hearing, and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved the proposed map amendment based on the Approval Criteria of Section 3.3.6 of Article 3.3 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined the proposed ZLDR amendment meets the following criteria:

- A. The proposed amendment corrects an error or inconsistency or meets the challenge of a changing condition; and
- B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and goals as stated in Article 1.5; and
- C. The proposed amendment is to further the public welfare in any other regard specified by County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by the Charleston County Council of Charleston, in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance is hereby amended to include the amendment attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following third reading by County Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 21st day of December 2023.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Herbert R. Sass, III
Chairman of Charleston County Council

ATTEST:

By: _____
Kristen L. Salisbury
Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: November 30, 2023
Second Reading: December 12, 2023
Third Reading: December 21, 2023

EXHIBIT "A"

Bicycle Parking

CHAPTER 9 | DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

ARTICLE 9.3 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

Sec. 9.3.13 Bicycle Parking

- 1. In the Urban/Suburban Area, one bicycle parking space shall be required per every 10 off-street Required Parking spaces, rounding bicycle parking spaces up when the number is not a multiple of 10. (six automobile parking spots required = one bicycle parking space; 12 automobile parking spots required = two bicycle parking spaces).**
- 2. Required bicycle parking must meet the following standards:**
 - a. Bicycle parking must be:**
 - 1. Outside a Building and within 50 feet of the main entrance to the Building as measured along the most direct pedestrian access route, or no further from the Building's main entrance than the closest automobile parking space, whichever is closer;**
 - 2. At the same Grade as the sidewalk or at a location that can be reached by an accessible route; and**
 - 3. If required bicycle parking is not visible from the street or main Building entrance, a sign must be posted at the main Building entrance or in a highly visible and used location indicating the location of the parking.**
 - b. Bicycle parking must meet the following standards:**
 - 1. Where required bicycle parking is provided in lockers, the lockers must be securely anchored.**
 - 2. Required bicycle parking may be provided in floor, wall, or ceiling racks. Where required bicycle parking is provided in racks, the racks must meet the following standards:**
 - a. The bicycle frame and one wheel can be locked to the rack with a high security, U-shaped shackle lock if both wheels are left on the bicycle;**
 - b. A space 2 feet by 6 feet must be provided for each required bicycle parking space, so that a bicycle six feet long can be securely held with its frame supported so that the bicycle cannot be pushed or fall in a manner that will damage the wheels or components;**
 - c. The rack must be securely anchored and coated in a material that will not damage the bicycle;**
 - d. Each required bicycle parking space must be accessible without moving another bicycle; and**
 - e. There must be an aisle at least five feet wide in front and behind all required bicycle parking to allow room for bicycle maneuvering. Where the bicycle parking is adjacent to a sidewalk, the maneuvering area may extend into the Right-of-Way.**