

*UDO Virtual Conversation 8 – Parking, Landscaping & Screening, and Open Space
January 6, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.*

Question as Submitted in Zoom Chat	Staff Answer
In tier 2 does the Maximums apply to off street parking decks? It states “Does not apply to parking structures” in the draft currently. Thank you	Correct. It does not apply to those in the current draft. thank you for pointing that out. We want to relook at that standard.
Would it make sense to include at least EV ready in the 0-9 space category?	I would like to have the team that has worked on these standards consider this.
question about EV spaces: if I have 50 required spaces, I need to provide 50 + # required EV, correct? Since EV doesn't count toward required spaces?	If you are required to provide minimum parking, the EV spaces do count toward that. Within the text, you see there is a provision that provides some flexibility: Where a parking minimum is required, EVSE-Installed stations shall count as two spaces.
If the stated intent of bicycle parking regulations is to increase the use of alternative modes of transportation, it will take more than a roof over a bike rack to encourage more people to commute by bike. Secure long-term bike parking should also be included in the ordinance.	We do consider secure bike lockers as a qualifying action within the building height bonus table.
Secure long-term bike parking should be a requirement, not optional.	
If a developer chooses to deviate from parking standards, is there a waiver/exception process that can be evaluated by the City on a case by case basis?	There isn't a waiver process for parking. However, there is the ability to adjust the standard by 10% through an administrative adjustment. the EX zoning which applies to a number of our districts is another opportunity for deviation, based on unique circumstances. However, this doesn't allow a waiver.
Apologies if I missed this, but re: landscape yards - is there a tree plant requirement? Opportunity to encourage more trees to assist with canopy goal?	Alan is sharing a slide that shows these requirements. They can be found on page 21-9.
Is there any allowance for landscape screening in lieu of opaque wall for in-ground type waste containers?	as drafted, the requirement is for a minimum 75% opaque fence or wall.
According to Table 19-1, there are 4 uses (not including Multifamily) in Tier 3 that are going to require minimum parking (within 200 feet of N1 Place Type). All 4 of these uses would be kinds that serve alcohol. Does this not seem like an incredibly bad idea from a safety perspective? Does this impose an added cost burden on the 4 uses? How can this be seen as anything but an effort to appease N1	thanks for your comment. Those are the uses that tend to generate a large amount of parking demand. We will continuing to look at the parking standards and considering potential refinements.

residents who may falsely believe that they should control the Public street they live on? This appears to miss the objectives of the approved 2040 Master Plan and I would recommend rethinking this.	
Could we at least consider eliminating the gate requirement for this type container?	Re: Dumpster Gates. Please provide your comments regarding gates via the website and we can make sure to look at those.
^^^^ to his point, gates are NEVER maintained	Re: Dumpster Gates. Please provide your comments regarding gates via the website and we can make sure to look at those.
Why are sidewalks not included in open space?	sidewalk standards along streets are in the SSI article 34. The intent of these sidewalks is different from the open space in the UDO.
the public health side of this suggestion is incredibly strong. I'd definitely recommend rethinking as [name] suggested.	
Open space should be required to be a public road/sidewalk connection for any project abutting an existing or planned greenway.	we can look a giving credit for a pathway connection to a park or greenway.
I was going to ask the same question about sidewalks. Sidewalks provide for active use and should be considered as open space.	sidewalk standards along streets are in the SSI article 34. The intent of these sidewalks is different from the open space in the UDO.
That is great. More green space will benefit us all.	we can look a giving credit for a pathway connection to a park or greenway.
It would be particularly important to ensure that the public open space is adjacent and visible from public streets and sidewalks. Also, consider making open space centrally located to benefit everyone in the development if possible.	we have locational standards for public open space. We'd appreciate any feedback you have on those specific standards
I suggest extending the public comment period to be open through that rescheduled Frequent Users Q&A	
What research was done requiring/warranting EV stations for MF stacked dwellings?	Answered verbally at [41:40]
Could you summarize in plain English the difference between bike parking requirements in the draft ordinance vs what existed before?	It is difficult to specifically go through the differences. We have tied the required bike spaces to the uses within the new use matrix and as you can see most uses require them.
Could you please share the location on the website for previous recorded meetings.. sadly I missed the Stormwater from yesterday.	https://charlotteudo.org/udo-virtual-conversation-series/... the stormwater recordings will be posted soon!
Please be sure to note my earlier greenway comment. Can help with specifics.	

Useful Links from the Zoom Chat

Link to recordings of past virtual conversations	https://charlotteudo.org/udo-virtual-conversation-series/
Link to Virtual Conversation Series on YouTube	https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6SDCP0OZ_AxSU6Qnc3CnpSeLvwUUQF7e