

From: Conrad, Gretchen [Gretchen.Conrad@seattle.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 1:14 PM
To: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Cc: john@washingtonbikelaw.com
Subject: FW: Bike Rack Installation - does this work?

Hi Bob -

As you know our bike rack request log is significant, with requests going back to 2010 such as yours. Your request is on the list and will likely be completed in 2012, pending the upcoming budget. You can install your own bike rack within the street right-of-way, but anything privately installed in the right-of-way (benches, signs, bike racks, etc.) requires permit(s). These permits are issued by SDOT's Street Use Division. The process is as follows:

1. You submit a site plan to SDOT Street Use Division showing the proposed type & location of the rack (a simple sketch with dimensions should be sufficient)
2. Street Use approves/rejects site plan
3. Once site plan is approved, you obtain a construction permit for \$146
4. You then proceed with the rack installation
5. A SDOT Street Use Inspector then conducts final inspection to verify rack is installed per approved site plan (cost is \$86)
6. At this point, the rack can either be "donated" to SDOT (which means no more permits/fees) or if you wish to maintain ownership/maintenance responsibilities, an annual permit must also be obtained (\$146 the first year, \$140 each year after)

Please be aware that these fees are subject to change-please check with SDOT's Street Use Division for the latest information. They can be reached at 206-684-5283.

Any rack that you would like to install in the right-of-way must meet the guidelines outlined in the Seattle Right-of-Way Improvement Manual, which states that racks must have the following characteristics:

- . are intuitive to use correctly;
- . have a no-maintenance finish that won't chip, peel, or rust. Galvanized steel finishes are preferred;
- . support the frame of the bicycle;
- . allow a u-style lock to secure one of the wheels and the frame to the rack;
- . allow removal of the front wheel and locking it with the rear wheel and frame to the rack;
- . have a minimum height of 2.5 feet so it is not a tripping hazard;

. are installed as close to, without being directly in front of, the main entrance(s) of a building or site; and

. have adequate clearance from driveways, curb ramps, transit loading areas and immediately adjacent to shelters, and utility poles.

I hope this helps. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Conrad
Traffic Operations, Investigation and Implementation SDOT

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From: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com [mailto:bob@washingtonbikelaw.com]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 10:31 AM
To: Conrad, Gretchen
Cc: john@washingtonbikelaw.com
Subject: Bike Rack Installation

Hi Gretchen-

You may recall we've been trying to get a bike rack in front of the Hogue Building (705 2nd Ave) for the past few years. I understand that there is no more money for bike racks.

One of our attorneys bought a commercial bike rack at the Bike Alliance auction. He'd like to donate it for public use. I am forwarding information about the rack.

Can you help facilitate installation? I'm assuming we can't just put it in wherever we want.

Thanks,

Bob Anderton

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From: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 4:06 PM
To: 'Conrad, Gretchen'
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

They never called me back. Perhaps there's no money for bike racks or to respond to calls for people offering to pay for bike racks.

May I assume that it is acceptable to place a bike rack of my own choosing in front of my building...?

Bob

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-----Original Message-----
From: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:51 AM
To: 'Conrad, Gretchen'
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

Thanks... I did get voice mail this time.

Bob

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From: Conrad, Gretchen [mailto:Gretchen.Conrad@seattle.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:18 AM
To: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

That is the correct phone number.

Here is the address to their web-site. http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/stuse_faq.htm

Gretchen

-----Original Message-----
From: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com [mailto:bob@washingtonbikelaw.com]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 9:11 AM
To: Conrad, Gretchen
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

They don't seem to be answering the phone at that number... can you double-check it?

Bob

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From: Conrad, Gretchen [mailto:Gretchen.Conrad@seattle.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 7:20 AM
To: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

Yes, please contact Street Use if you would like to purchase & install a rack. They can be reached at 684-5283.

Gretchen

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From: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com [mailto:bob@washingtonbikelaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:15 PM
To: Conrad, Gretchen
Subject: RE: bike rack request online form

Can I pay for one? It's getting embarrassing...

Bob

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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 3:11 PM
To: bob@washingtonbikelaw.com
Subject: FW: bike rack request online form

Hi Bob -

I have logged your request in our request list, though unfortunately at this time SDOT is not installing any additional bike racks due to funding uncertainties. Like every department, SDOT is called upon to offer significant cuts in our budget to make up for the city's general fund shortfall. Traffic Division alone is called upon to offer \$3.8M in cuts. One of the cuts being offered is to the Bike Spot program, which is where bike racks are funded. We don't know yet whether the cut will be accepted at the department or citywide level, but until we have certainty, we are not proceeding with any further bicycle rack work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (206) 684-7583 or by email at bikeracks@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Conrad

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managerContact: 206-447-1625

Comments: I requested a rack a few years ago but nothing has happened. Would you please contact me and let me know what I can do to make this happen?

Thanks,

Bob