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ORDINANCE NO. **12793**

AN ORDINANCE relating to pedestrian and bicycle access and circulation; applying standards to all uses except single detached residential in conformance with comprehensive plan policies, amending language for conformance with the State Building Code regulations for barrier-free accessibility, and creating a director waiver under certain circumstances; amending ordinance 10870, Section 414, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.18.100.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 10870, Section 414, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.18.100 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Pedestrian and bicycle circulation and access. ~~((A. All uses, in designated activity, community business and neighborhood business centers, except single detached residential building permits, shall provide pedestrian and bicycle access within and onto the site. Pedestrian access points shall be provided at all pedestrian arrival points to the development including the property edges, adjacent lots, abutting street intersections, crosswalks, and at transit stops. Pedestrian access shall be located as follows:~~

1 1. ~~Access points at property edges and to adjacent lots shall be coordinated with~~
2 ~~existing and potential development of the adjacent parcels, to provide circulation patterns~~
3 ~~between developments; and~~

4 2. ~~Residential developments shall provide non-motorized links between cul-de-~~
5 ~~sacs or groups of buildings to allow pedestrian access from within the development and~~
6 ~~from adjacent developments to activity centers, parks, common tracts, open spaces, schools~~
7 ~~or other public facilities, transit stops and public streets)).~~

8 A. Nonresidential uses. All permitted nonresidential uses shall provide pedestrian and
9 bicycle access within and onto the site. Access points onto the site shall be provided
10 (a) approximately every 800 to 1,000 feet along existing and proposed perimeter sidewalks
11 and walkways, and (b) at all arrival points to the site, including abutting street intersections,
12 crosswalks, and transit stops. In addition, access points to and from adjacent lots shall be
13 coordinated to provide circulation patterns between developments.

14 B. Residential uses.

15 1. All permitted residential uses of five or more dwelling units shall provide
16 pedestrian and bicycle access within and onto the site. Access points onto the site shall be
17 provided (a) approximately every 800 to 1,000 feet along existing and proposed perimeter
18 sidewalks and walkways, and (b) at all arrival points to the site, including abutting street
19 intersections, crosswalks, and transit and school bus stops. In addition, access points to and
20 from adjacent lots shall be coordinated to provide circulation patterns between sites.

21 2. Residential uses of five or more dwelling units shall provide for non-motorized
22 circulation between cul-de-sacs or groups of buildings to allow pedestrian and bicycle
23 access within and through the development to adjacent activity centers, parks, common

1 tracts, dedicated open space intended for active recreation, schools or other public facilities,
2 transit and school bus stops, and public streets.

3 3. Access shall only be required to school bus stops that are within or adjacent to a
4 proposed residential use of five or more dwelling units and that are identified by the
5 affected school district in response to a Notice of Application. In order to allow school
6 districts to identify school bus stops, the department shall send a Notice of Application to
7 affected school districts on all applications for residential uses of five or more dwelling
8 units

9 ~~((B))~~C. ~~((Pedestrian w))~~ Walkways shall form an on-site circulation system that
10 minimizes the conflict between pedestrians and traffic at all points of pedestrian access to
11 on-site parking and building entrances. ~~((Pedestrian w))~~ Walkways shall be provided when
12 the pedestrian access point onto the site, or any parking space, is more than 75 feet from
13 the building entrance or principal on-site destination and as follows:

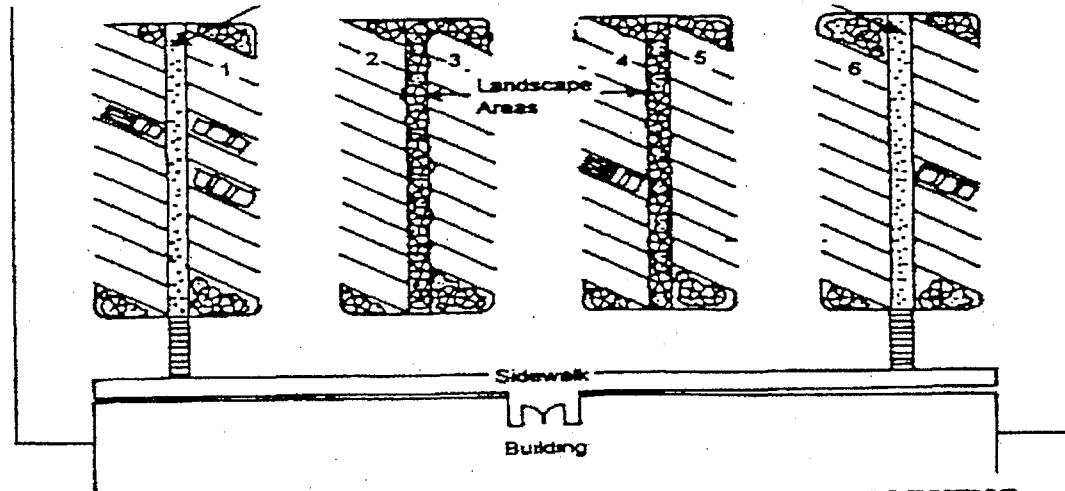
14 1. All developments which contain more than one building shall provide
15 walkways between the principal entrances of the buildings;

16 2. All non-residential buildings set back more than 100 feet from the public
17 right-of-way shall provide for direct pedestrian access from the building to buildings on
18 adjacent lots; and

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3. ((Pedestrian w)) Walkways across parking areas shall be located as follows:

a. Walkways running parallel to the parking rows shall be provided for every six rows. Rows without walkways shall be landscaped or contain barriers or other means to encourage pedestrians to use the walkways; and

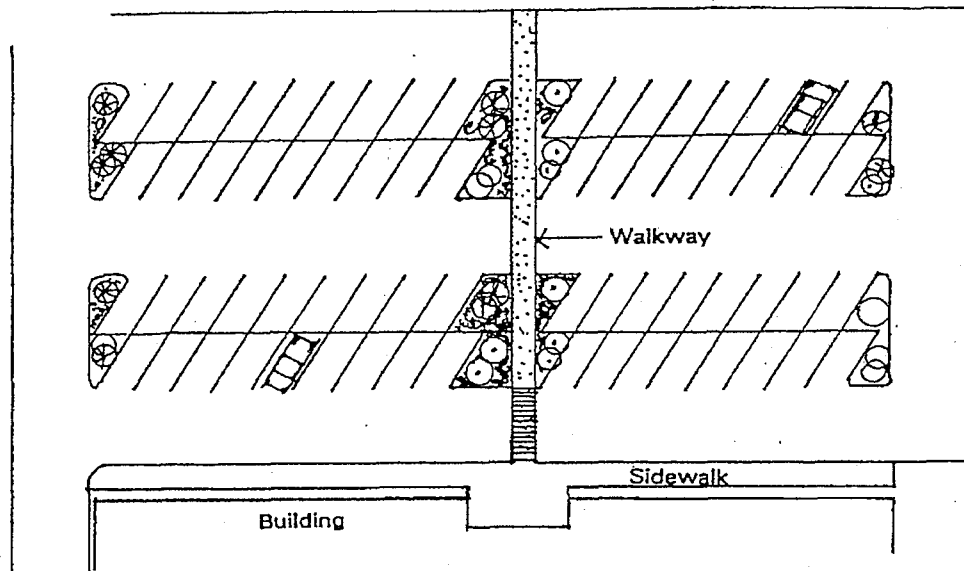


WALKWAYS RUNNING PARALLEL TO PARKING

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b. Walkways running perpendicular to the parking rows shall be no further than twenty parking spaces. Landscaping, barriers or other means shall be provided between the parking rows to encourage pedestrians to use the walkways;



WALKWAYS RUNNING PERPENDICULAR TO PARKING

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((C))D. Pedestrian and bicycle access and walkways shall meet the following minimum design standards:

1. Access and walkways shall be well lit and physically separated from driveways and parking spaces by landscaping, berms, barriers, grade separation or other means to protect pedestrians from vehicular traffic;

1 2. Access and walkways shall be a minimum of 48 inches of unobstructed width
2 and meet the surfacing standards of the King County Road Standards for walkways or
3 sidewalks;

4 3. ~~((Access shall be usable by mobility impaired persons and shall be designed
5 and constructed to be easily located by the sight impaired pedestrian by either grade
6 change, texture or other equivalent means))~~ The minimum standard for walkways required
7 to be accessible for persons with disabilities shall be designed and constructed to comply
8 with the current State Building Code regulations for barrier-free accessibility;

9 4. A crosswalk shall be required when a walkway crosses a driveway or a paved
10 area accessible to vehicles; and

11 ~~((D))~~E. Blocks in excess of 660 feet shall be provided with a crosswalk at the
12 approximate midpoint of the block.

13 F. The director may waive or modify the requirements of this section when:

- 14 1. existing or proposed improvements would create an unsafe condition or
- 15 security concern;
- 16 2. there are topographical constraints, or existing or required structures effectively
- 17 block access;
- 18 3. the site is in a rural area outside of or not contiguous to an activity center, park,
- 19 common tract, dedicated open space, school, transit stop or other public facility;
- 20 4. the land use would not generate the need for pedestrian or bicycle access; or
- 21 5. the public is not allowed access to the subject land use.

22 The director's waiver may not be used to modify or waive the requirements of K.C.C.
23 21A.18.100 relating to sidewalks and safe walking conditions for students.

1 G. The provisions of this Section shall not apply on school district property.

2 SECTION 2. The Metropolitan King County Council finds that pursuant to
3 Ordinance 12196, the requirements for environmental analysis, protections and mitigation
4 measures in this code chapter, as amended by this ordinance, provide adequate analysis of
5 and mitigation for the specific adverse environmental impacts to which the requirements
6 apply.

7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 16TH day of

8 September, 1996

9 PASSED by a vote of 10 to 0 this 21ST day of July

10 1997.

11 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
12 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

13 Jane Hazen
14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 31 day of July, 1997

19 [Signature]
20 King County Executive

21 Attachments: None