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Attached is testimony related to the proposed amendments to the Salem Revised Code (SRC) updating the Unified Development Code (UDC).

Thank you,
Angela Obery
Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates

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Dear Councilors-

As someone who likes to ride my bike, but who often has difficulty finding suitable bicycle parking, I'm pleased to have participated in the work to update our city's **Sec. 806.060. Bicycle parking development standards**. I have been in contact with staff, provided testimony at Planning Commission, and am now reaching out to you in an effort to make the code amendments an improvement that will benefit all of Salem's residents.

While much work has been done to update, clarify, and align the code with best practices, I have two concerns that I would like to bring to the Council's attention. I ask that you approve a standard that would benefit all residents of Salem and extends bicycle access beyond the "strong and brave." Please thoughtfully consider these requests.

Respectfully,

Angela Obery
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Planning Commission Recommendation		Request
<p>"Revise the proposed bicycle parking area access requirements under SRC 806.060(b) to remove the proposed language requiring bicycle parking areas to be designed so as not to require users to lift their bikes over curbs, barriers, or the bike rack itself, and instead require bicycle parking areas to be designed so as to not require users to lift their bikes over multiple stairs or the bike rack itself."</p> <p>https://www.cityofsalem.net/meetingdocs/ca-19-01-recommendation-to-council-2019-03-08.pdf Page 10 – Item 13</p>	<p><i>This wording does not guarantee the bike parking will be easily accessible by all Salem's residents. Curbs, barriers, and even one stair-step could be difficult for some bike riders because of physical limitations or the design of their bicycle. The current recommendation does fully address the issue of access for people of all ages and abilities who reside in Salem.</i></p>	<p>Revise the proposed bicycle parking area access requirements under SRC 806.060(b) so as not to require users to lift their bikes over curbs, barriers, stairs, or the bike rack itself.</p>
<p>"Bicycle racks. Where bicycle parking is provided in racks, the racks may be floor, wall, or ceiling racks."</p> <p>Proposed Sec. 806.060. - Bicycle parking development standards. Item E</p>	<p><i>While diversity in bike parking options is desirable, the city has a responsibility to ensure access for people of all ages and abilities by requiring that at least some floor racks be present at each approved building site. Lifting a bike to secure it to a wall or ceiling rack is easy for some people; however, this physical movement creates a barrier for others. Such barriers impact residents with physical limitations and specific bike types, as well as all residents who are carrying items in an open bike basket or using an attached trailer. The absence of required floor racks favors the "brave and the strong" riders and is of particular concern as related to multi-family housing developments.</i></p>	<p>Revise the requirements under SRC 806.060(b) so as state that where bicycle parking is provided in racks, the racks may be floor, wall, or ceiling racks – but must include at least some floor racks.</p>