

County of Erie Bicycle Rack Area Rules & Regulations

In an effort to help County employees maintain physical fitness and good health, as well as promote eco-friendly options, the County of Erie provides a Bicycle Rack Area for use by all County employees. The Bicycle Rack Area is located the front of the Rath Building, 95 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

These rules are effective immediately and are subject to change. Changes or modifications to these rules will be announced by emailing all valid bicycle parking holders. Violations of the rules, regulations and bylaws may result in ticketing and/or removal of the bicycle, at the owner's risk and expense. In addition, access may be suspended immediately and bicycle parking privileges terminated.

Liability

No person may use or access the bicycle parking garage without having a signed County of Erie of Erie Bicycle Parking Garage Rules and Regulations Agreement and a Bicycle Parking Registration Form on file with the Personnel Department.

Bicycles should be locked to a provided bicycle rack with a personal lock. If there is no space to lock a bicycle to a rack, the bicycle should not be left in the bicycle garage. The County of Erie is not liable for any theft or damage to a locked or unlocked bicycle under any circumstances, as described in the County of Erie Bicycle Parking Garage Rules and Regulations Agreement.

Allowed vehicles

The bicycle parking garage is only available to un-motorized bicycles, electric motorized bicycles, and electric motorized foot scooters, collectively referred to herein as "bicycles". Under no circumstances will any vehicle with other than two wheels, or any electric vehicle designed to operate at greater than 30 miles per hour, or any vehicle that uses petroleum fuel, be permitted in the bicycle parking garage. The County of Erie will deny registration and access to any vehicle type at its sole discretion.

Rules and Regulations for Use of Bicycle Rack Area

The access to the bicycle parking is for the sole use of the bicycle parker identified on the Bicycle Parking Registration Form. Bicycle parking is not to be lent, assigned and/or otherwise transferred under any circumstances. Fraudulent use of the access shall result in immediate termination of bicycle parking privileges. If, in the sole opinion of County of Erie, a bicycle is parked illegally in a designated bicycle rack or in a restricted parking area, is parked in a designated aisle or represents an unsafe condition, the bicycle will be removed at the bicycle owner's sole risk and expense. Bicycle parkers are subject to the terms and conditions displayed on any signs in the parking facility.

County of Erie reserves the right at any time to refuse bicycle parking at the parker's normal location within the facility due to unforeseen circumstances. In order to ensure the safety and security of the parking facility, the bicycle parker MUST notify the Personnel Department of any changes in information concerning authorized registered bicycle parkers and their bicycles.

When storing bicycles in the Rath Building Bicycle Rack Area, employees must comply with the following Bicycle Rules & Regulations:

- All bicycle riders MUST dismount and walk their bicycles both into and out of the parking garage or when on the site. Bicycle parkers MUST NOT use the overhead garage door. Access must be using the person-door only.
- Employees will gain access to the Bicycle Rack Area by swiping their identification card on a designed swipe card reader on their way into the Bicycle Rack Area. Employees MUST swipe in.
- All bicycles MUST be registered with the Personnel Department and clearly labeled with the employee's first initial and last name.
- Parking is at your own risk. The County of Erie is not responsible for items lost, stolen, or damaged property.
- Bags, purses, coats, and other personal items must not be left in the Bicycle Rack Area. Please do not leave valuable items unattended.
- The Bicycle Rack Area will be open Monday through Friday (excluding County Holidays) from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bicycle parkers MUST NOT use, enter, or access the bicycle garage except on the employee's scheduled County work day.
- Bicycle storage is only permitted during normal shift hours of each employee, and bicycle parking shall not be for an extended period of time. Abuse of this policy may result in the loss of bicycle parking privileges.
- Bicycle parkers MUST NOT provide access to the bicycle parking garage to any other individuals.
- Bicycle parkers MUST NOT use or damage any bicycle that is not their property.
- No bicycles shall be secured to any area besides the bicycle racks, and, if it is discovered that this is the case, the device securing the bicycle to these areas shall be removed and the bicycle will be left unsecured in the Bicycle Rack Area.
- Bicycles left in the Bicycle Rack Area longer than two (2) weeks may be subject to removal, disposal, and / or donation.
- Locks, or other personal items, left on the bicycle racks or in the Bicycle Rack Area may be subject to removal, disposal, and / or donation.
- The County of Erie may choose to close this area (with advance notice) from time to time in order to perform maintenance, housekeeping, repairs, staging of equipment or materials for said maintenance or repairs.
- No washing, maintenance or repairing of bicycles shall be carried out in the parking garage or on the site except for quick repairs at the provided Cycle Aid Station.

Emergencies and Accidents

In the event of an emergency in the Bicycle Rack Area, please call 911 from a landline or cell phone. The Rath Building first floor Security Desk can be reached at (716) 858-8849 (extension 8849 if calling from a County landline phone within the Rath Building). To contact the Erie County Sheriff's Office, can be reached at (716) 858-2903 (extension 4545 if calling from a County landline phone within the Rath Building).

Accidents, resulting in personal injury or damage to property must be reported immediately to the County of Erie Personnel Department.

Space Availability

The responsibility of finding a valid bicycle parking space rests with the authorized bicycle parking holder. A valid parking space is constituted as being within the designated and in a proper bicycle rack.

Lack of parking space, mechanical problems, construction conditions or other potential detriments are not considered valid excuses for violations of bicycle parking regulations. Parking garage access does not guarantee a bicycle parker a space in the available bicycle racks, but only an opportunity to park within the designated area. Bicycle parking in the bicycle parking garage is on a first come, first served basis.

Unauthorized bicycle(s) found in the parking facility will constitute trespassing and such bicycle(s) may be removed from the premises at the bicycle owner's risk and expense.

Multiple Bicycles

Bicycle parkers may register more than one bicycle. However, only one of the registered bicycles may be parked at any given time. If more than one registered bicycle is found to be parked, the bicycle parking privileges may be revoked.

Please contact Personnel Department if you have any questions regarding bicycle parking.