



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

Date: July 26, 2011

Subject: Zoning Petition regarding the definition and regulation of a **Public Bicycle-Sharing Service** and **Public Bicycle-Sharing Stations**

Recommendation: The Planning Board **RECOMMENDS ADOPTION** of the petition.

To the Honorable, the City Council,

The Planning Board recommends the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the language presented to the Board on July 26, 2011 (attached).

Respectfully submitted for the Planning Board,

Hugh Russell, Chair.

1. Create new definitions in Article 2.000:

Public Bicycle-Sharing Service: A system operated under the auspices of a program administered and/or approved by the City of Cambridge whose function is to provide the general public with opportunities to rent bicycles on a short-term basis for use within the city or region.

Public Bicycle-Sharing Station: A bicycle sharing facility placed or constructed by a Public Bicycle-Sharing Service on public or private property where bicycles are stored and from which members of the public may rent bicycles as part of a Public Bicycle-Sharing Service, including objects or equipment necessary for or appurtenant to its operation.

2. Modify the definition of Gross Floor Area in Article 2.000:

Floor Area Gross. ...

Gross Floor Area shall include:

(a) ... (h)

Gross Floor Area shall not include:

(1) ... (13)

(14) Public Bicycle-Sharing Stations.

3. Amend the Table of Use Regulations by adding a new use category in Section 4.32:

4.32 Transportation, Communication & Utility Uses

	Open Space	Res A 1&2	Res B	Res C, C-1, C-1A, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B	Off 1, 2A, 2, 3, 3A	Bus A-1, A-2, A-3	Bus A	Bus B, B-1, B-2	Bus C, C-1	Ind A-1, A-2	Ind A	Ind B-1, B-2	Ind B	Ind C
a. Bus or railroad passenger station	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	SP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. Automobile parking lot or parking garage for private passenger cars 18	No	No	No	No	Yes	SP	SP	Yes						
c. Railroad freight terminal, railroad yard and shops	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
d. Truck or bus terminal, yard or building for storage or servicing of trucks, trailers or buses, parking lot for trucks	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	SP	No	Yes	No
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h. Helipad or Airport	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
j. Wind Turbine Installation	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇	PB ₅₇
<u>k. Public Bicycle-Sharing Station</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>

4. Amend Section 5.24:

5.24 *Yards*

5.24.1 Every part of a required yard shall be open to the sky and unobstructed. Awnings, arbors, fences, flagpoles, recreational and laundry drying equipment and similar objects shall not be considered obstructions when located within a required yard. In addition, objects or equipment located in a required yard that are necessary for or appurtenant to a Public Bicycle-Sharing Station shall not be considered obstructions. Open or lattice enclosed fire escapes for emergency use only are permitted to encroach on yard areas.

5. Amend Section 6.49:

6.49 *Design of Bicycle Parking spaces.* Bicycle parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the amounts required by Section 6.37 and with the design regulations in this Section 6.49. Public Bicycle-Sharing Stations shall not be subject to the design regulations of this Section 6.49.

6. Amend Subsection 7.16.1:

7.16.1 Exempt, Temporary and Noncommercial Signs

The following signs shall be exempt from restrictions as to type, location, height, and size of signs or limitations as to the total area of signs permitted on a lot or business, as those limits are set forth in Section 7.16.2. Except as otherwise noted, such signs shall be naturally or externally illuminated only and shall be subject to all other provisions of this Article 7.000.

7.16.11 Exempt Signs

A. In all districts:

1. Signs not visible from a public way. (All illumination permitted.)
2. Official traffic and directional signs, including bus and shuttle schedules. (All illumination permitted.)
3. Other signs in the public way.
4. Signs necessary for public safety and convenience not exceeding six (6) square feet per sign face, provided such signs contain no advertising.
5. Flags of a city, state or country.
6. Memorials such as grave stones and corner stones.
7. Historical site plaques installed or approved by a public Agency or duly established historical society.
8. Window display of merchandise or signs incidental to such display.
9. Signage necessary or appurtenant to the placement or operation of a Public Bicycle-Sharing Station. (All illumination permitted.)