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To: [CITYCOUNCIL-List](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Item 7-D - Bike Lane Parking Enforcement
Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026 11:59:20 AM

Greetings,

I'm writing in strong support of a clear code that will prevent parking in bike lane and urge strong and urgent enforcement of this code.

I was actually shocked to learn this wasn't already law. As a cyclist and father of a young cyclist, every single day I see bike lanes obstructed by cars in Alameda. This deeply unsafe situation discourages cycling. It's also self-perpetuating: when one car sees others parked in a bike lane, it feels it's ok to do so.

Clarifying the law and enforcing it will rapidly increase cyclist safety in Alameda and make cycling a more appealing option for everyone. This ties directly with our city's climate goal, but also relates to making Alameda more liveable for all.

Thank you,

Simon Mathieu
Alameda Resident

From: [Stephen Tye](#)
To: [CITYCOUNCIL-LIST](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2026-6132: Amending the Alameda Municipal Code re Bike Lanes
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 6:03:59 PM

Hello -

I'm am an Alameda resident and am writing in support of File No. 2026-6132 to address gaps in the Alameda City code to allow the City to enforce parking restrictions across its bicycle network. My neighbors and I have consistently reported cars blocking parking lanes since October 2024 and no action has been taken. These changes would help address these issues.

#	Date Opened	Date Closed	Status	Description	Photo	Red Curb Request	Link
1	2026-05-19	-	Acknowledged	Everyday a car parks in the bike lane along the curb. Curb needs to b	Yes	Yes	#21752145
2	2026-05-19	-	Acknowledged	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#21751083
3	2026-05-12	2026-05-18	Closed	This was here the whole day actually. Didn't even move. Blocking bike	Yes		#21698144
4	2026-05-12	2026-05-12	Archived	Can we spot the bike? It's a bit hard correct? Driver blocked the path	Yes		#21692167
5	2026-05-07	2026-05-11	Archived	Would this get resolved much sooner if it was a bike blocking the lane	Yes		#21654179
6	2026-05-05	2026-05-11	Archived	Blocking bike lane every weekday morning	Yes		#21638843
7	2026-04-30	2026-05-05	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#21596511
8	2026-04-24	2026-04-27	Archived	Hazard on a daily basis. Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#21549334
9	2026-04-21	2026-04-22	Archived	Blocking bike lane	Yes		#21521070
10	2026-04-20	2026-04-21	Archived	Blocking lane every weekday.	Yes		#21510862
11	2026-04-16	2026-04-19	Archived	Blocking lane. Daily hazard.	Yes		#21483603
12	2026-04-15	2026-04-15	Archived	Blocking lane. This is a persistent issue. There's been a request to p	Yes	Yes	#21473978
13	2026-04-13	2026-04-14	Archived	Daily hazard blocking lane.	Yes		#21453919
14	2026-04-09	2026-04-12	Archived	Blocking bike lane. Daily occurrence.	Yes		#21427064
15	2026-04-08	2026-04-08	Archived	Still here. Blocking lane. Every morning. Never resolved.	Yes		#21418053
16	2026-04-06	2026-04-07	Archived	Blocking lane.	Yes		#21398679
17	2026-03-26	2026-04-02	Archived	Blocking lane.	Yes		#21320424
18	2026-03-23	2026-03-24	Archived	Blocking bike lane. This is a persistent issue. Please come by in the	Yes		#21295243
19	2026-03-18	2026-03-18	Archived	Ongoing issue every morning. Blocks bike lane	Yes		#21256496
20	2026-01-23	2026-01-26	Archived	Every morning some vehicle will block the bike lane.	Yes		#20853416
21	2026-01-22	2026-01-22	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20845997
22	2026-01-21	2026-01-21	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20837783
23	2026-01-16	2026-01-20	Archived	Same vehicle here not moved blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20813607
24	2026-01-15	2026-01-20	Archived	Blocking bike lane	Yes		#20807131
25	2026-01-14	2026-01-20	Archived	Still here. Blocking lane. EVERY MORNING.	Yes		#20795180
26	2026-01-12	2026-01-20	Archived	Daily occurrence. Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20778397
27	2026-01-09	2026-01-11	Archived	Car still blocking bike lane	Yes		#20763325
28	2026-01-08	2026-01-09	Archived	Blocking bike lane. Please paint red curb, or line markings.	Yes	Yes	#20754377
29	2026-01-07	2026-01-07	Archived	Cars parked constantly every morning blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20745520
30	2026-01-05	2026-01-07	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20726803
31	2026-01-02	2026-01-07	Archived	Parked blocking bike lane every morning.	Yes		#20712517
32	2025-12-30	2025-12-30	Archived	This car has been parked every morning the past few days blocking bike	Yes		#20694615
33	2025-12-29	2025-12-30	Archived	Driver parked car blocking bike lane.			#20687726
34	2025-12-23	2025-12-26	Archived	Driver parked blocking bike lane	Yes		#20660856
35	2025-12-15	2025-12-16	Archived	Issue reported and closed promptly in the morning. Car still parked an	Yes		#20614216
36	2025-12-15	2025-12-15	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20608965
37	2025-12-12	2025-12-14	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane.			#20595759
38	2025-12-07	2025-12-09	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane. When will we get proper enforcement? Th		Yes	#20558061
39	2025-12-03	2025-12-09	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20529713
40	2025-11-28	2025-12-01	Archived	Vehicles parked totally and partially blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20499467
41	2025-11-12	2025-11-12	Archived	This is a persistent safety issue. Driver parked in bike lane.	Yes		#20400258
42	2025-11-10	2025-11-12	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20386882
43	2025-10-17	2025-10-20	Archived	The previous request on the car blocking bike lane was closed, but it'	Yes		#20232602
44	2025-10-16	2025-10-17	Archived	Blocking bike lane	Yes		#20225466
45	2025-10-16	2025-10-17	Archived	Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#20220784
46	2025-10-14	2025-10-17	Archived	Car blocking bike lane The truck behind has been parked there for alm	Yes		#20209611
47	2025-09-27	2025-09-30	Archived	Car parked partially blocking bike lane While ok with just a bike, a			#20090746
48	2025-09-22	2025-09-22	Archived	Car parked partially blocking bike lane	Yes		#20055008
49	2025-09-05	2025-09-07	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane.	Yes		#19929866
50	2025-08-19	2025-08-20	Archived	Driver parked car blocking bike lane	Yes		#19788411
51	2025-07-10	2025-07-14	Archived	Car is parked on the bike lane, and not in the parking bay.			#19459533
52	2025-07-07	2025-07-09	Archived	Vehicle parked blocking bike lane			#19426600
53	2025-07-02	-	Acknowledged	We need some red painted curb at the beginning and end of parking bays		Yes	#19399695
54	2025-05-19	2025-05-20	Archived	Still here parked, blocking lane. n	Yes		#19029694
55	2025-05-16	2025-05-19	Archived	Blocking lane. Long term parking.	Yes		#19016178
56	2025-05-13	2025-05-14	Archived	Repeat offender is back. Long term parking, blocking lane.i	Yes		#18982084
57	2025-04-22	2025-04-23	Archived	Again!!! Back blocking lane.	Yes		#18830103

58	2025-04-16	2025-04-17	Archived	Despite multiple requests opened and closed as addressed, this IS NOT	Yes		#18792941
59	2025-04-14	2025-04-16	Archived	Long term parking. Blocking travel lane. Car has not moved.	Yes		#18769417
60	2025-04-11	2025-04-14	Archived	Long term parking Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#18755549
61	2025-04-09	2025-04-14	Archived	Lack of enforcement empowers repeat offenders Driver didn't even try	Yes		#18738350
62	2025-04-08	2025-04-14	Archived	Despite all the previous tickets marked as addressed and closed, this	Yes		#18734870
63	2025-04-08	2025-04-08	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane. Not resolved despite previous tickets b	Yes		#18729745
64	2025-04-07	2025-04-08	Archived	Been here all week now Blocking bike lane.	Yes		#18726435
65	2025-04-03	2025-04-07	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane.	Yes		#18698971
66	2025-03-22	2025-03-24	Archived	Car blocking bike lane.	Yes		#18619979
67	2025-03-21	2025-03-24	Archived	Car parked blocking bike lane. This is a regular occurrence.	Yes		#18616796
68	2025-03-16	2025-03-17	Archived	Car blocking bike lane	Yes		#18576608
69	2025-03-08	2025-03-11	Archived	White Honda parked blocking bike lane since Friday.			#18526604
70	2025-02-13	2025-02-18	Archived	Same car is back blocking bike lane daily	Yes		#18378509
71	2025-02-11	2025-02-12	Archived	Repeated offender parking in the bike lane.	Yes		#18360232
72	2025-02-06	2025-02-10	Archived	Not a recent photo due to the rain, but this car is back parking and b			

Thanks for your time,

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From: [Christi Toa](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Item 7-D - No Parking in Bike Lanes Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 1:00:54 PM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and City Council Members,

I am writing in strong support of Item 7-D, which would amend the Municipal Code to add a violation and fine for parking in Class II, III, and IV bike lanes. Thank you for bringing this forward. It closes a real gap, and it will make enforcement and tracking meaningfully easier across Alameda's bike network.

I want to share a quick update that shows exactly why this matters. Some of you may recall my May email documenting 427-459 Mitchell Ave, where I compiled 89 SeeClickFix reports of vehicles protruding into the bike lane since October 2024, including one silver Mazda CX-9 photographed blocking the lane on 16 separate dates. For over a year, reports were opened and closed within days while the same violation returned the next morning. Public Works responded by installing No Stopping signage at the former bus bay, and I'm happy to report that since the sign went in, we are finally seeing real improvement at that spot. That is the difference clear authority makes: good intentions and repeated reporting did not change behavior, but a sign backed by enforcement did. Item 7-D extends that same clarity to the entire bike lane network instead of one corner at a time.

Separately, I also want to share two things I'm hopeful about going forward.

One is driver education. A lot of blocking isn't malicious, it's people making a quick stop who don't realize the bike lane is the one place they can't do it. The message worth repeating is simple: do not stop or park in the bike lane. If you need to make a brief stop, pull into the travel lane instead. That is counterintuitive to most drivers, but a bike lane blocked by a parked car forces a cyclist, sometimes one towing a child, out into moving traffic, which is far more dangerous. I'd love to see that message reach City workers and contractors too. I've repeatedly seen City and contractor vehicles parked in bike lanes when the travel lane was the safer choice, and the City sets the example here.

The other is enforcement capacity. I was glad to see Council approve the additional full-time Parking Enforcement Technician in the June budget cycle. That added coverage is exactly what's needed to move from reactive, one-off responses to consistent, proactive patrol across our bike corridors, and I'm looking forward to seeing that consistency, along with the enforcement data that will let us all confirm it's working.

Thank you for your continued work to make Alameda a leader in safe, sustainable transportation. Painting a bike lane is only half the job; keeping it clear is the other half, and Item 7-D is a strong step toward finishing it. I urge your support.

Regards,
Christi Toa