



Code Interpretation

Subject: Parking Space Requirement for Convenience Stores with Fuel Sales

Date: March 8, 2023

Code Sections Impacted:

Chapter 144-5.1-3(c) Schedule of Required Spaces

Proposal:

50% of the pump fueling spaces may be counted toward the minimum required spaces calculated for the retail square-footage.

Analysis:

- Some fast-growing cities allow a percentage of fueling spaces to be counted toward the minimum space requirement calculated for the convenience store retail space.
- Currently, the code does not address fueling spaces, except to ensure that they are not in the drive aisle between the pumps or between the pumps and the building or property lines.
- Common practice for customers fueling and making quick purchases of convenience items is to fuel and shop without moving the vehicle from the fueling space to a parking space.
- Current parking requirements do not address common practice and may be overestimating parking needs for convenience stores with fuel sales.
- A fueling space is defined as the area adjacent each fuel pump, regardless of the distance between pumps.

Interpretation:

Therefore, with the authority provided in Chapter 144-4.2, it is the interpretation of the Planning and Development Services Director that for convenience stores with fuel sales, 50 percent of the fueling spaces may count toward the minimum required parking for the retail sales.



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