

ORDINANCE NO. 1984

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, TO ADD PARKING RATIOS FOR DATA CENTERS AND SELF-STORAGE FACILITIES TO CHAPTER 18.74 (“PARKING REGULATIONS”) AND TO MAKE OTHER RELATED CLARIFYING REVISIONS TO TITLE 18 (“ZONING”) OF “THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City routinely permits the construction of new data centers and self-storage facilities through the architectural review process;

WHEREAS, the City’s Zoning Code has neither definitions nor enumerated uses for data centers or self-storage facilities;

WHEREAS, the City has been using parking standards for the most similar industrial use as the standard, which is warehousing and is required to be parked at a rate of one space per 2,000 square feet of gross floor area;

WHEREAS, the City is interested in maximizing the use of its limited supply of industrial parcels, and one way to do that is to not require excess parking on new development sites;

WHEREAS, the City has received a parking study documenting usage rates for data centers and self-storage facilities based on parking usage on existing data centers and self-storage facilities within the City of Santa Clara;

WHEREAS, the adopted warehousing parking ratio requires substantially more parking than is necessary for either data centers or self-storage facilities based on the parking study; and,

WHEREAS, on the basis of all evidence, oral and written, before it, and under its powers to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents through zoning and planning regulations, the City Council hereby amends the zoning regulations of the Code of the City of Santa Clara to include parking standards for data centers and self-storage facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That Subsection 18.74.020(d) (“D’ definitions”) of Section 18.74.020 (“Required off-street parking”) of Chapter 18.74 (“Parking Regulations”) of Title 18 (“Zoning”) of “The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California” (“SCCC”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(d) “D” definitions:

- (1) Drive-In Theaters. As specified in use permit approval.
- (2) Data Centers. One space per 4,000 square feet of gross floor area.”

SECTION 2: That Subsection 18.74.020(s) (“S’ definitions”) of Section 18.74.020 (“Required off-street parking”) of Chapter 18.74 (“Parking Regulations”) of Title 18 (“Zoning”) of “The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California” (“SCCC”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(s) “S” definitions:


- (1) Schools – Business, Professional and Trade Schools. One parking space for each classroom or office plus one space for each five students attending classes on the premises at any time during any twenty-four (24)-hour period, but in no case less than one space for each two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area.
- (2) Schools – High Schools, Colleges and Universities. One parking space for each classroom or office plus one space for each ten students attending classes on the premises at any time during any twenty-four (24)-hour period.
- (3) Schools – Nursery, Elementary and Intermediate (Public or Private). One parking space for each classroom or office but in no case less than three spaces.
- (4) Self-storage facilities. One space per 10,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- (5) Stadiums, Arenas, Auditoriums (Other than Church, College or Institutional Auditorium), Convention Halls, Dance Halls, Exhibition Halls, Skating Rinks and Other Similar Places of Assembly. One parking space for each four seats or one space per thirty-two (32) square feet of usable seating area, whichever is greater.”

SECTION 3: Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption; however, prior to its final adoption it shall be published in accordance with the requirements of Section 808 and 812 of "The Charter of the City of Santa Clara, California."

PASSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION this 10th day of JULY, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Davis, Kolstad, Mahan, O'Neill, and Watanabe
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	Mayor Gillmor
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:




JENNIFER YAMAGUMA
ACTING CITY CLERK
CITY OF SANTA CLARA

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA this 21st day of AUGUST, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Davis, Kolstad, Mahan, O'Neill, and Watanabe and Mayor Gillmor
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:



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Attachments incorporated by reference: None