



PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DOWNTOWN ACCESSIBILITY

IT IS SUMMER!

It is summer in Coeur d'Alene, and there is no better place to be this time of year than relaxing on Downtown Streets. The Coeur d'Alene Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee wants to insure that everyone accessing our beautiful downtown and its businesses can do so in an enjoyable and safe manner. Accessibility downtown is extremely important, as it is imperative that all citizens and visitors can safely manage our sidewalks and streets.



A-Frame Signs

A-Frame signs, or “sandwich boards”, are an easy, visible way for businesses to advertise. A-Frame signs are allowed on sidewalks from March 17-November 1 each year. All signs must be permitted through the City Clerk’s Office and are subject to an annual fee of \$85 (if the sign is on private property, the annual fee is \$35). Once permitted, you will receive a small decal to place on the sign.

As you display your A-Frame signs, please keep in mind the following regulations (for more information, please reference Coeur d’Alene City Code 15.24.070):

- All signs must be Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Signs may not obstruct pedestrian or traffic view, and they cannot block street crossing signals/signs. See the infographic for proper sign placement.
- Signs should not be placed next to any outdoor seating chains, fencing, or trees, (unless it can be placed in front of or behind the tree not impeding anyone), where they would impede pedestrian flow, nor should they be placed on the outer sidewalk where passengers would not be able to exit their vehicles. There must be 42 inches of open sidewalk space between the sign and any other object.
- As a general rule, you should be able to look up or down the street and see a clear path along the walkway without any obstacles (A-Frame signs or otherwise).
- All business owners should make sure to inform all employees where to properly place the A-frame so there isn’t any confusion.

Signs in the downtown core must be a specific size:

- o No less than 36” high and 18” wide, and
- o No more than 48” high and 24” wide

Wheels Up!

Sherman Avenue is a “wheels up” zone from 2nd Street to 6th Street, which means bikes, rollerskaters, scooters, and skateboards cannot ride on the sidewalk.

Please encourage your patrons to refrain from locking bikes to outdoor patios, trees, or sign posts. Refer to the Bike Parking Map for alternatives. All bikes should be parked at bike racks or in bike corrals in order to prevent sidewalk obstructions.

If you find a bike has been abandoned near your business, you can contact the City of Coeur d’Alene at 208-769-2300. They will direct you to the appropriate department to work on getting the bicycle removed.

Outdoor Patios and Seating

If your business has outdoor seating and/or outdoor patios that face Sherman Avenue, please remember that all business activity must be conducted within these areas. Servers cannot walk around the outside of fencing or chains to attend to customers. Additionally, all tables, chairs, umbrellas, planters, etc. must be within the confines of the patio area. This insures there is ample room on the sidewalks for passersby and minimizes obstacles for those with limited mobility and is compliant with all ADA codes and regulations for accessibility

Downtown Bicycle Parking Map



If you spot a problem:

Coeur d’Alene Downtown

Association:

Terry Cooper - (208) 667-5986

Code Enforcement:

Shawn Youngman - (208) 769-2390

If you have questions:

A-Frame sign permits:

City Clerk’s Office - (208) 769-2229

If you have an idea, comment, or concern for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee, we encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting. The Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm at City Hall.