

**Restaurant Parking**

Comparison with other Municipalities

Note: Equivalent Ratio of Parking Spaces per 1000 square feet of total area

calculated from Municipal/Planning Code formulas, using Standard Restaurant Examples (page 2)

Municipality	Units/ Example	Total Area Square Feet	Parking Code Formula 1 space/unit of measure	Total spaces	Parking spaces/ 1000 sf ratio	Comment
<b>Cupertino</b>	R #1	5,000	1/250 sf total area	20	<b>4.00</b>	
	R #2	2,500		10	<b>4.00</b>	
<b>Palo Alto Downtown</b>	R #1	5,000	1/250 sf total are	20.00	<b>4.00</b>	
	R #2	2,500		10.00	<b>4.00</b>	
<b>Burlingame</b>	R #1	5,000	1/200 sf total area	25.00	<b>5.00</b>	
	R #2	2,500		12.50	<b>5.00</b>	
<b>San Carlos</b>	R #1	5,000	1/75 sf seat area	33.33	<b>6.67</b>	
	R #2	2,500		16.67	<b>6.67</b>	
<b>Palo Alto Calif. Ave.</b>	R #1	5,000	1/155 sf gross area	32.26	<b>6.45</b>	
	R #2	2,500		16.13	<b>6.45</b>	
<b>Los Gatos</b>	R #1	5,000	1/4 seats	41.25	<b>8.25</b>	
	R #2	2,500		22.25	<b>8.90</b>	
<b>Sunnyvale</b>	R #1	5,000	9/1000 sf min, 13/1000 sf max.	45.00	<b>9.00</b>	
	R #2	2,500		22.50	<b>9.00</b>	
<b>Mountain View</b>	R #1	5,000	The greater of A. 1/2.5 seats or B. 1/100 sf total area + 1/2.5 outdoor seats	54.00	<b>10.80</b>	These parking standards are frequently not applied.
	R #2	5,000		62.00	<b>12.40</b>	
	R #1	2,500	A.	35.60	<b>14.24</b>	
	R #2	2,500	B	25.00	<b>10.00</b>	
<b>Saratoga</b>	R #1	5,000	1/75 sf total area, incl. outdoor	71.85	<b>14.37</b>	outdoor seating is scarce
	R #2	2,500		36.50	<b>14.60</b>	
<b>Los Altos current code</b>	R #1	5,000	1/3 (customers + employees)	71.67	<b>14.33</b>	
	R #2	2,500		36.33	<b>14.53</b>	

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Comparison with: current code, current practice, and nearby communities

<b>Standard Restaurant Examples</b>						
<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>R #1</b>	<b>5,000 sf</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>R #2</b>	<b>2,500 sf</b>	<b>100%</b>
Seating Area		2,500 sf	50%		1,250 sf	50%
Back of House		2,500 sf	50%		1,250 sf	50%
			SF/Seat			
Indoor Seating		135 seats	18.52		70 seats	17.86
Outdoor Seating		30 22%	388.89		19 27%	237.50
<b>Total Seating</b>		<b>165</b>			<b>89</b>	
			SF/Empl.			SF/Empl.
No. of Employees		50	50		20	63

<b>Current Los Altos</b>						
<b>Code Requirement</b>	<b>Pkg. Spaces</b>	<b>people/car</b>		<b>Pkg. Spaces</b>	<b>people/car</b>	
No. of Customer spaces	55	3		29.67	3	
No. of Employee Spaces	16.67	3		6.67	3	
Total Parking Spaces	R #1 71.67			R #2 36.33		

<b>Current Practice in Los Altos</b>						
Average of 30 Los Altos restaurants			<b>3.82</b>			parking spaces/1000 sf area
Total Parking Spaces	R #1 19			R #2 10		parking spaces/1000 sf area

<b>Average Parking Ratios in Nearby Communities - from page 1</b>						
Average without including Los Altos			<b>8.19</b>			parking spaces/1000 sf area
Average including Los Altos			<b>9.17</b>			parking spaces/1000 sf area
Reasonable Range		8.00 to 10.00				parking spaces/1000 sf area

<b>Recommended Los Altos Parking Ratio</b>						
Total Parking Spaces	R #1 45		<b>9.00</b>			parking spaces/1000 sf area
				R #2 23		

**Recommendation:**  
 Change the current parking requirement for restaurants, from 1 space per every 3 seats, plus one space per every 3 employees, to: **9.00 spaces per 1,000 total gross square feet.**