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- 1 AN ACT Relating to parking configurations for residential uses;
- 2 and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- MEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW to read as follows:
- 6 Cities and counties planning under this chapter shall enforce 7 land use regulations for residential development as provided in this 8 section:
- 9 (1) Garages and carports may not be required as a way to meet 10 minimum parking requirements for residential development;
- 11 (2) Parking spaces that count towards minimum parking 12 requirements may be enclosed or unenclosed;
- 13 (3) Adjacent on-street parking spaces count towards off-street 14 parking mandates at a rate of one space for each 20 linear feet of 15 uninterrupted curb space;
- 16 (4) Parking spaces in tandem count towards meeting minimum 17 parking requirements at a rate of one space for every 20 linear feet.
- 18 For purposes of this subsection, "tandem" is defined as having two or
- 19 more vehicles, one in front of or behind the others with a single
- 20 means of ingress and egress;

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1 (5) Parking spaces and driveways may be located in required yard 2 setbacks;

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- (6) Gravel surfacing may not be prohibited as a parking area material;
- (7) Parking areas for residential developments may be designed to allow a vehicle to back out into a street provided that a driveway and parking area complies with all other local regulations, and such design may not be prohibited;
- (8) Required parking spaces may be provided off-site and within 2,000 feet of pedestrian travel of a site. If any parking is provided on-site, required parking for people with disabilities shall be on-site; and
- 13 (9) Parking spaces may not be required to exceed eight feet by 16 14 feet, except for required parking for people with disabilities.

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