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407.4, 407.4.1, 407.4.2

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Revise as follows:

407.4 Preferred Vehicle parking. Where either Section 407.4.1 or 407.4.2 is indicated to be applicable in Table 302.1, parking provided at a building site shall comply with this section. ~~Preferred parking spaces required by this section shall be those in the parking facility that are located on the shortest route of travel from the parking facility to a building entrance, but shall not take precedence over parking spaces that are required to be accessible in accordance with the International Building Code. Where buildings have multiple entrances with adjacent parking, parking spaces required by this section shall be dispersed and located near the entrances. Such Required parking spaces shall be provided with approved signage that specifies the permitted usage.~~

407.4.1 High-occupancy vehicle parking. Where employee parking is provided for a building that has a *total building floor area* greater than 10,000 square feet (929 m²), a building occupant load greater than 100 and not less than 20 employees, at least 5 percent, but not less than two, of the employee parking spaces provided shall be designated as preferred parking for *high occupancy vehicles*. Preferred parking spaces required by this section shall be those in the parking facility that are located nearest the entrance, but shall not take precedence over parking spaces that are required to be accessible in accordance with the International Building Code. Where buildings have multiple entrances with adjacent parking, parking spaces required by this section shall be dispersed and located near the entrances.

407.4.2 Low-emission, hybrid, and electric vehicle parking. Where parking is provided for a building that has a *total building floor area* greater than 10,000 square feet (929 m²) and that has an building occupant load greater than 100, at least 5 percent, but not less than two, of the parking spaces provided shall be designated as preferred parking for low emission, hybrid, and electric vehicles.

Reason: Edmunds.com 2013 New Car Buying Guide (<http://www.edmunds.com/hybrid/before-buy.html>) says that generally hybrid vehicles can cost 20% more than comparable standard vehicles. This means that the code currently gives more desirable parking to people based upon their ability to pay more for their vehicle. This is elitist and inappropriate; the code should not bestow advantages upon people because of their economic standing. Note that the code does not prevent an owner from providing preferred parking voluntarily.

Cost Impact: Will increase the cost of construction.