

ACCOR

Services

 **Commuter Check[®]**
For *Bicycling*

Commuter Benefits for the Bicycle Commuter



Commuter Benefits Overview

- Section 132(f)
 - Pre-Tax benefits like flexible spending accounts
 - Every month is open enrollment
 - No use it or lose it clause
 - Qualified Transportation Benefits
 - Transit/Vanpools (\$230/month)
 - Parking (\$230/month)
 - Bicycling (\$20/month) *Effective 2009*

- How does bicycling fit in
 - Provides alternative to driving or taking public transit
 - Cannot be used in combination with transit or parking


The Bicycle Commuter Act

- H.R. 1424 – The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008
 - Expands Section 132(f) of IRS Tax Code
 - \$20.00 per month for use in bicycle commuting
 - Allowable purchases include bicycles, bicycle repairs, bicycle storage
 - Can ONLY be given as an employers sponsored subsidy
- Changes Coming in 2010
 - Update of legislation as part of Clean Air Bill



How Accor's Program Works

For Bicycle Dealers & Storage Providers

- Choose to accept the Commuter Check for Bicycling Voucher
 - Voucher must have  logo
 - Voucher is drawn on Bank of America
 - Denomination between \$10 & \$20
 - No Change Given
- No Fees or Agreements to accept the voucher
- Voucher can only be used for
 - Maintenance
 - Accessories
 - Storage
 - NO food, beverage, or clothing
- Deposit voucher as you would any other check

A Win-Win-Win-Win Situation

- Win for the Bicycle Community
 - Increases awareness among commuters that bicycling is an alternative
- Win for Employers
 - Increase current benefits package at a low cost
 - Demonstrates the employers commitment to the environment
- Win for Employees
 - Flexibility in commuting
 - Savings on current commuting costs
 - Healthy alternative to public transit and driving
- Win for the Environment
 - Bicycle Commuting = Zero Carbon Emissions

Become an Affiliate Partner

PARTNER ONLINE

Step 1:
Visit the partners section of
www.commutercheck.com

Step 2:
Click on "Become a
Partner"

Step 3:
Fill out the form

Step 4:
Accor will contact you to
finalize your partnership

PARTNER Email/Phone

Step 1:
Contact Affiliation Manager
Jay Retkevicz
Phone: 857.228.1425
Email:
jay.retkevicz@accorservicesusa.com

Step 2:
Provide Accor with the info
needed

Who's Accepting the Voucher

- Approximately 650 + Retailers & Storage Providers
 - Nationwide Acceptance
 - National & Locally Owned Providers
- What are retailers saying?
 - “It’s easy to accept, we deposit it with our other banking transactions”
 - “People have a smile on their face when they use the voucher”

Questions

For more information about the
Bicycle Commuter Act or Accor Services Programs
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