



City of Gothenburg

Cycle Benefits for Municipally Employed

All who are regularly employed in the City of Gothenburg are offered a cycle-related benefit. If an employed buys a bicycle, or accessories for cycling for private use, the employer will pay all expenses up to SEK 1,500 (200 USD). If the expenses are higher, for instance if you buy a new bicycle, it is partly paid by this benefit up to the limit. The employed will have to pay a tax for the benefit, but the option still is favourable since the tax is much lower than the actual costs are. The offer is valid during a three year period and can be used several times up to the maximum amount.

This is regarded as a tax benefit according to Swedish law, and the employed will have to pay a tax for the benefit, but the option still is favourable since the tax is much lower than the actual costs are. The employer is obliged to pay a company tax for the benefit. This is done to encourage the employed to cycle in private or to work.

The City of Gothenburg has also made it easier for employed in the municipality to buy bicycles. By public procurement, the city has contracted some bicycle dealers. Employed of the municipality can buy a bicycle in the contracted stores, while the bill initially is paid by the municipality. Then, the cost of the bicycle is withdrawn from the salary during a period of three years. The employed will pay the whole cost, but divided into thirty-six periods, and thus gets easier access to a bicycle without paying a large sum of money upfront. This is especially attractive for persons who want to buy electric bicycles, which often have high initial costs.

More information (automatic translation):

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