

Sec. 113-244. - Required landscaping.

- (a) Landscape requirements for one-family dwellings and two-family dwellings shall be as follows:
- (1) At least one canopy tree, 2.5 inches DBH, shall be located in the required front yard of each dwelling unit.
 - (2) The lot shall be sodded, seeded, or appropriate ground cover for erosion control.
- (b) Landscape requirements for nonresidential uses, including multifamily structures with three or more dwelling units, shall be as follows:
- (1) *Perimeter landscaping.* At a minimum, each site developed for multifamily, institutional, commercial, or industrial uses will contain one shade or canopy tree for each 50 linear feet of the perimeter of the site.
 - (2) *Interior landscaping.* There will be one tree per every 1,500 square feet of the first 10,500 square feet of the project site, then one tree for every 4,000 square feet of the remainder of the project site. The trees shall be an equal proportion of shade (canopy) and understory trees. At a minimum, 15 percent of the site shall be landscaped.
- (c) Landscape adjacent to streets and parcels.
- (1) A landscaped strip shall be provided along all parcel lines and abutting street right-of-way lines.
 - (2) The depth of the required landscaped strip shall be measured and provided parallel to the parcel line or abutting street right-of-way in question.
 - (3) Landscaped strips shall be considered to be required landscaped area.
 - (4) A landscaped strip may be included in satisfying buffer requirements.
- (d) Landscaped strips shall be provided in the following manner:
- (1) Ten-foot landscaped strip along all rights-of-way.
 - (2) Alternative design for properties fronting on all roads classified as arterials, including, but not limited to, U.S. 17 (Orange Avenue), S.R. 16 East (Leonard C. Taylor Parkway) and S.R. 16 West (Ferris Street and Idlewild Avenue), shall comply with the following standards: The developer/property owner shall be responsible for providing a landscape buffer in the area abutting the designated roadway right-of-way lines by meeting on of the following conditions:
 - a. The roadway shall be separated from the back of curb by a six-foot landscaped strip, a six-foot pedestrian walkway, then a six-foot landscaped strip.
 - b. Building setback shall be calculated from the back of curb or ten-foot landscaped strip along all rights-of-way.
 - c. Alternative designs. Where natural features or spacing of existing driveways and roadways cause the access requirements of this section affecting placement or planting of landscaped buffers or trees to be physically infeasible, alternate designs may be approved as part of the issuance of the final development order.
 - (3) The landscape buffer area shall be planted in the following manner:
 - a. *Canopy trees.*
 1. One row of canopy trees, 2.5 inches DBH at planting. For 50 percent of the canopy trees, two sub-canopy/understory trees may be substituted for each canopy tree.
 2. The trees shall be planted every 50 feet and staggered so as to be midway between each other, and equal distance between each row and right-of-way and/or parcel line. Trees shall be evenly spaced. The tree spacing may be altered with approval of the development services, provided the total number of trees is provided.
 - b. *Sub-canopy/understory trees.* A minimum of four sub-canopy/understory trees per 100 feet of frontage shall be planted in and about each access point and intersection.
 - c. *Hedges.* When off-street parking, loading, unloading and vehicular circulation areas are to be located adjacent to the street right-of-way, a dense hedge of evergreen-type shrubs shall be provided in the following manner:
 1. At initial planting and installation, shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height and shall be planted at least 36 inches or less on center.
 2. The hedge shall be planted four feet or more from the tree trunks.
 3. Within two years of initial planting and installation, shrubs shall have attained and be maintained at a minimum height of three feet and shall provide an opaque vegetative screen between the street and the use of the premises.
 4. In lieu of a vegetative hedge, the use of vegetated berms or other appropriate landscape materials in a manner that results in the visual separation of street right-of-way can be approved by the development services director.
 - d. *Shrubs.*
 1. Buffer areas, not adjacent to a street right-of-way, shall include nine shrubs for every 100 linear feet of the parcel line
 2. Shrubs shall be at least 24 inches in height at the time of planting.
- (e) Groundcover. The buffer area shall be planted with groundcover minimum of 18 inches on center or solid grass sod, unless natural area to remain.

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