

Sec. 36-150. - Landscaping.

(a) Upon any improvement for which a site plan is required, landscaping shall be required to meet the guidelines listed below:

(1) For the R-1, RD-1, RM-1 and C-1 districts, a minimum of 25 percent of the site shall be in landscaped open space. The open space shall be landscaped with one evergreen tree or shrub for every 1,000 square feet, or portion thereof, plus one small or large deciduous tree or shrub for every 2,000 square feet, or portion thereof. *Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of the requirement. Any trees removed for development may not be included as part of such requirement.* Ground cover or lawn is required in all landscaped areas. (See article X, plant material of this chapter for appropriate uses of plant materials.)

(2) For the ~~R-1, R-2, and R-3~~ districts, ~~30 percent of the site under development shall be in landscaped open space. The open space shall be landscaped with one evergreen tree or shrub for every 1,000 square feet, or portion thereof, plus one small or large deciduous tree for every 1,500 square feet, or portion thereof. Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of such requirement. Twenty-five percent of the required open space shall be between the roadway and the building. Buildings on corner lots shall have 40 percent of the required open space between the building and the street. Landscaping of an adjacent right-of-way may be included in such requirement if it is maintained by the adjacent property owner. (See article X, plant material of this chapter for appropriate uses of plant materials.)~~

(23) For permitted and special approval uses in the ~~O-4, B-1, B-3, I-1 and I-2~~ districts, a minimum of 15 percent of the site shall be in landscaped open space with one evergreen tree or shrub for every 1,000 square feet, or portion thereof, plus one small or large deciduous tree for every 2,000 square feet, or portion thereof. *Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of the requirement. Any trees removed for development may not be included as part of such requirement.* Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of such requirement. Thirty percent of the required open space shall be between the roadway and the building. Buildings on corner lots shall have 60 percent of the required open space between the building and the roadway. Whenever feasible, a portion of the landscaping shall be placed adjacent to the buildings. Landscaping of an adjacent right-of-way may be included in the requirement if it is maintained by the adjacent property owner. Parking lots in all office, business and industrial zones which are adjacent to a residentially zoned district shall be fully screened from that residential district through the use of decorative walls, fences, or landscaping. (See article X, plant material of this chapter for appropriate uses of plant materials.)

(34) B-2 parcels in which the building occupies 90 percent or more of the lot shall be exempt from the landscape requirement. For all other B-2 parcels, ten percent of the site shall be in landscaped open space with *one evergreen tree or shrub for every 1,000 square feet, or portion thereof, plus one small or large deciduous tree or shrub for every 2,000 square feet, or portion thereof. . Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of the requirement. Any trees removed for development may not be included as part of such requirement. Ground cover or lawn is required in all landscaped areas. (See article X, plant material of this chapter for appropriate uses of plant materials.)*

(4) PRD parcels shall adopt the requirements consistent with the intended use.

(5) For PRF parcels, a minimum of 80 percent of the site shall be in landscaped open space. The open space shall be landscaped with one evergreen tree or shrub for every 1,000 square feet, or portion thereof, plus one small or large deciduous tree or shrub for every 2,000 square feet, or portion thereof. . Plant materials existing on the site prior to development may be included as part of the requirement. Any trees removed for development may not be included as part of such requirement. Ground cover or lawn is

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(b) *Greenbelt between land uses.*

- (1) Upon any improvement for which a site plan is required, a greenbelt shall be constructed to create a visual screen along a boundary, alley, or street which is adjacent to residentially zoned or used property. In addition, greenbelt shall be constructed along any boundary between single-family unattached housing developments and single-family attached housing developments or multifamily housing developments, for which a site plan is required. In addition, within all districts, except R-1 (single-family), a greenbelt shall be constructed along a boundary, alley or street which is adjacent to a more restrictive zoning district;
- (2) The minimum width of the required greenbelt shall be ten feet, except in the office, business and industrial districts where the minimum width shall be 20 feet. However, wider greenbelt may be required, within any zoning district, at the discretion of the city.

(c) *Parking lot landscaping.*

- (1) Landscaped areas shall be required at the perimeter of parking lots of 16 spaces or greater. Parking lots in all office, business and industrial zones which are adjacent to a residentially zoned district shall be fully screened from that residential district through the use of decorative walls, fences, or landscaping;
- (2) Strips of ten or more continuous spaces may be allowed by planning commission approval, providing each end of the row has a minimum of 50 square feet of landscaped area, exclusive of concrete curbing. Variations may be determined by the planning commission for design and traffic flow. There shall be a minimum of one tree for every ten parking spaces;
- (3) Minimum three-foot wide landscape strips (unobstructed by vehicle overhangs) shall be provided between paved parking surfaces and buildings, fences, and property lines wherever possible. Trees and shrubs shall be planted clear of the vehicle overhang area;
- (4) All parking lot surfaces not needed for ingress, egress, parking or driveways shall be landscaped.

(d) *Front yard landscaping.* A greenbelt with a minimum width determined by the front yard setback of its zoning classification shall be located between the abutting right-of-way of a public street, freeway, or major thoroughfare, and shall be landscaped per the requirements in section 36-150 applicable to its zoning classification access ways from public rights-of-way through required greenbelts shall be permitted.

(e) *Site landscaping.* In addition to any landscape greenbelt and/or parking lot landscaping required by this section, ten percent of the site area, excluding existing thoroughfare right-of-way, shall be landscaped. Areas used for storm drainage purposes, such as unfenced drainage courses or retention areas in front or side yards, may be included as a portion of the required landscaped area, but shall not exceed five percent of the site area.

(f) All plant materials shall follow the minimum standards set forth in article X of this chapter.

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