

ORDINANCE NO. 997

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LANDSCAPED AREAS WITHIN PARKING LOTS AND MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 16.80.050E OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT COUNCIL INTENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 16.80.050E of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

E. Type IV

1. Purpose. To provide visual relief and shade in parking areas.
2. Description.

a. Required Amount

- i) If the parking area contains no more than twenty-five (25) parking spaces, at least thirty-five (35) square feet of landscape development must be provided for each parking stall proposed.
- ii) If the parking area contains more than twenty-five (25) spaces, at least fifty (50) square feet of landscape development must be provided for each parking stall proposed.
- iii) The above requirements are considered a minimum. Additional landscape area may be necessary to meet design requirements below.

b. Design

- i) Each area of landscaping must contain at least one hundred (100) square feet of area and must be at least six (6) feet in any direction.

- ii) Each planting area must contain at least one (1) tree. Planting areas shall be provided with the maximum number of trees possible given recommended spacing for species type. Deciduous trees shall have a minimum size of two (2) inches in caliper measured six (6) inches above the base. Evergreens shall have a minimum height of 8 feet at planting.
- iii) Live ground cover shall be provided throughout each landscaping area. Ground cover may be any combination of grass, shrubs and trees that provide the desired effect of providing visual relief and green space within the parking area. Grassed areas are recommended. Utilization of beauty bark shall be discouraged and shall not substitute for live ground cover. Ground cover shall be selected and maintained so that the entire landscaped area will be covered within three years.
- iv. A landscaped area must be placed at the interior end of each parking row in a multiple lane parking area. This area must be at least eight (8) feet wide and must extend the length of the adjacent parking stall.
- v. Landscaping islands must be placed in every parking row with a maximum spacing of at least one island every seven parking spaces. Said islands shall be a minimum of 8 feet in width and shall extend a minimum length of 10 feet. Provided, that the site plan review committee may approve of a different configuration in order to provide a more attractive and functional design consistent with the intent of this chapter to promote ascetic values and a pedestrian friendly parking lot.
- vi. Up to one hundred percent (100%) of the trees proposed for the parking area may be deciduous. A minimum of 70% must be deciduous.
- vii. No parking stall shall be located more than fifty (50) feet from a tree.

viii. Landscaping islands and landscape portions of pedestrian corridors may be used for drainage treatment and given credit on drainage calculations under Chapter 5 of the Development Guidelines. However, the primary purpose shall remain landscaping and health of trees and ground cover and aesthetic character shall not be compromised. Additionally in no case shall the grade between the parking lot surface edge and the landscape island or pedestrian corridor surfaces be greater than 6 inches when a swale concept is utilized and it is intended to meet minimum landscaping space requirements.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and publication as approved by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON,
this 11TH day of August 15, 1994.

CITY COUNCIL

BY: Jon W. Halverson
MAYOR

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Chapottin Taylor
City Clerk

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City Attorney

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