

**ARTICLE V
LANDSCAPE DESIGN STANDARDS**

§200A-134. General

The requirements set forth in this Article shall be complied with in addition to any other general or specific requirements of this Chapter. The regulations of this Article apply to: (1) the establishment and operation of a new use; (2) the entire property where any expansion of *floor area/paved surface* equals or exceeds 50 percent of the pre-expansion area; and (3) those portions of property which extend around and are parallel to the expansion of *floor area/paved surface* where the expansion area is less than 50 percent of the pre-expansion area. These requirements in no way relieve a *use* of having to meet all local, state and federal laws pertaining to the establishment and operation of that *use*.

Subpart A. Buffer Requirements

§200A-135. General

The landscaping standards of this subpart provide requirements for all buffering. This section provides standards for each *buffer* type. The following standards shall be in effect to provide an appropriate transition between *uses*, and compliance therewith is required for the establishment and operation of a new *use*.

§200A-136. Buffer Determination

Buffers will be determined by identifying the zoning districts of adjacent land *use(s)*. Table 5.1 outlines *buffers* required between zones. Where the property shares a boundary with more than one (1) zone, the width of the most intense *buffer* shall be required along the perimeter of the area to be developed; however, the plant materials required shall be calculated and placed based on the respective applicable *buffer*. See §200A-137 (Plant Material) for required plant material.

Table 5.1 Buffer Requirements			
Zoning District	Industrial	Commercial	Residential
Industrial	N/A	B1	B2
Commercial	B1	N/A	B1
Residential	B2	B1	N/A

§200A-137. Plant Material

Table 5.2 describes the width and plant material requirements for the *buffers* identified in Table 5.1. The length of the perimeter of the area to be developed shall be used in determining the number of plants required.

Table 5.2 Buffer Width and Plant Material Requirements					
Buffer Type	Width (ft)	Plant Material Required Per 100 Linear Feet			
		Deciduous Trees		Evergreen Trees	
		Large	Small	Large	Small
B1	20	1	2	2	6
B2	30	2	3	5	12

§200A-138. Plant Material Placement

The placement of *buffer* plantings shall be at the discretion of the developer, and shall be approved as part of the *site plan* submitted. *Trees* or *shrubs* shall not be planted within five (5) feet of any property line to ensure maintenance for access and to avoid encroaching onto the adjacent property. Where a *setback* requirement is less than the *buffer* requirement, the *buffer* width shall override the *setback* width. Where a *setback* requirement is greater than the *buffer* requirement, plant material requirements shall still be applied and such plant materials shall be placed within the *buffer* area. *Trees* and *shrubs* shall be spaced to provide *screening*.

Subpart B. Parking Lot Landscaping Standards

§200A-139. General

The landscaping standards of this subpart provide requirements for all parking lots consisting of ten (10) or more spaces. The following standards shall be in effect for each parking lot of this size, and compliance therewith is required for the establishment of a new or expansion of an existing parking lot.

§200A-140. Plant Material Placement

For every five (5) parking spaces one (1) *small* or *large deciduous tree* shall be required.

Plant material shall be placed within the parking lot or within 20 feet of the perimeter of the parking lot. All parking spaces shall be within 60 feet of a *tree*, as measured from the *tree* trunk to any portion of a parking space.

§200A-141. Planting Strip

When no *buffer* is required along front, side, and rear property lines of a development and parking is proposed within 20 feet of said property lines, a planting strip is required. The planting strip shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet in width and shall contain two (2) *small* or *large deciduous* or *evergreen trees* per 100 linear feet (see Figure 5A). A planting strip design may include *small* and *large deciduous* and *evergreen trees* and *shrubs*. For the purpose of a planting strip, six (6) *shrubs* shall be considered equivalent to one *small* or *large deciduous* or *evergreen tree*.