

**Land
Development
Code**



**City of
Hickory, NC**

B. Screening of Mechanical Equipment

All nonresidential uses shall screen from view from public places and neighboring properties if in a different Land Use Group, all mechanical equipment such as, but not limited to, ground or roof-mounted air conditioners or pumps through the use of features such as berms, fences, false facades or dense landscaping.

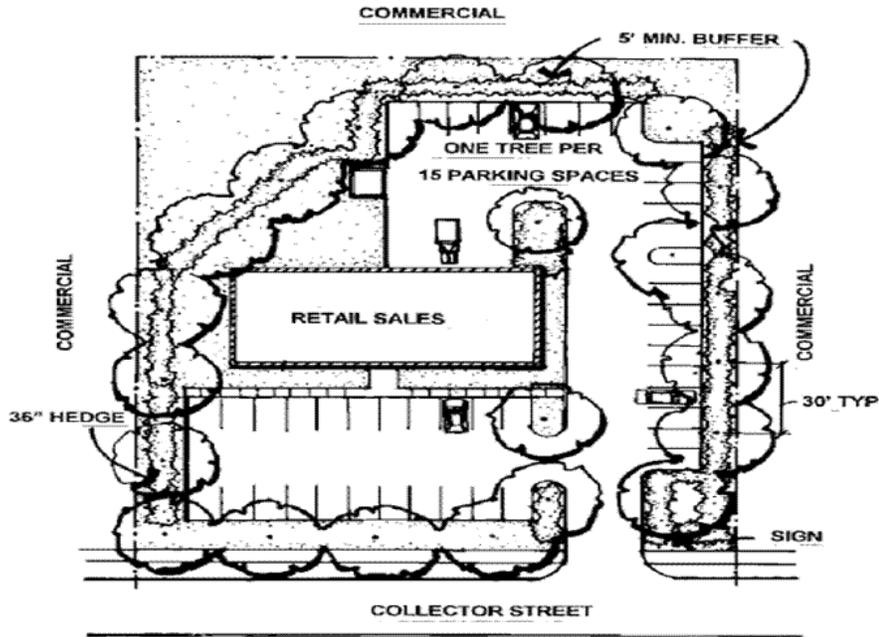
9.13.7 Landscape Requirements for Parking Areas

A. General Requirements (TA 18-01)

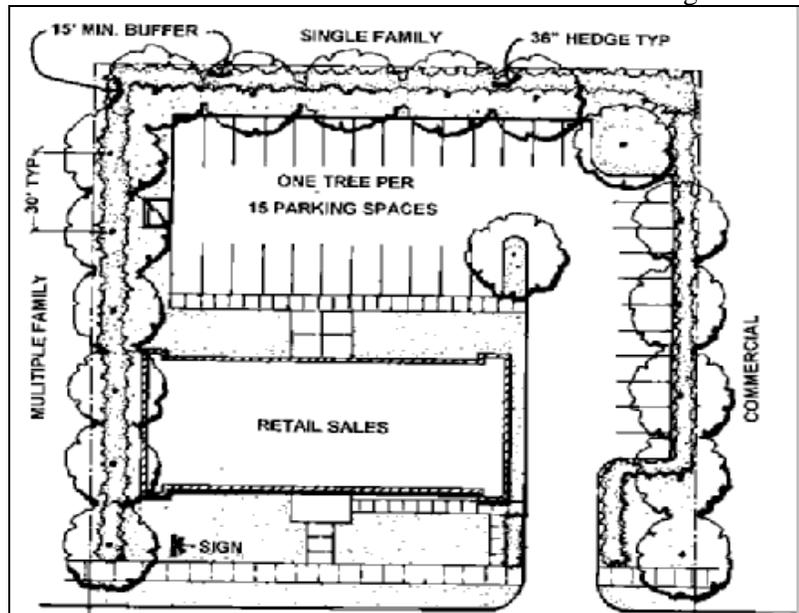
- (1) All parking areas with six (6) or more spaces, except those located entirely underground or within structures, shall comply with the requirements of this section.
- (2) Parking area shall be defined as all vehicular use areas, including all parking spaces, vehicle storage areas, access and maneuvering areas.
- (3) Planted areas next to pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, streets, private driveways, parking aisles, or the approach to any street intersections shall be maintained or plant material chosen to maintain a clear zone. See the Manual of Practice for sight triangle requirements.
- (4) Refer to Section 9.13.9 for plant specifications and to the Manual of Practice for recommended plant species and other information.
- (5) When calculating the number of trees and shrubs required, any fractions of 0.5 (½) or greater shall be rounded to the next highest whole number; fractions of less than 0.5 shall be rounded down to the next lowest whole number.

B. Perimeter Parking Area Buffer Requirements (TA 15-01)

- (1) Parking areas shall be separated and screened from all adjoining properties, streets, and rights-of-way by a landscape buffer. The buffer area shall be at least five (5) feet in width along all street rights-of-ways and the perimeter of the parking area.
- (2) Within the buffer area, canopy trees must be planted an average of thirty (30) feet on center and shrubs must be planted an average of every five (5) feet on center. Along road frontages, shrub spacing shall be every three (3) feet on center in order to form a continuous hedge. When planting under overhead utility lines, one (1) understory tree must be substituted for each required canopy tree. Refer to the Manual of Practice for a list of trees that are approved for planting under utility lines.
- (3) Parking areas shall be separated from the exterior wall of a structure by a raised, paved pedestrian sidewalk or a landscaped buffer strip at least three (3) feet in width.
- (4) Driveways into parking areas shall be bordered by a landscape buffer strip at least five (5) feet in width along each side of the driveway. At a minimum, the driveway landscape buffer shall include one (1) large canopy tree for every thirty (30) feet of linear drive or two (2) understory trees for every twenty (20) feet of linear driveway entrance. The plant materials may be grouped as an entrance planting rather than a linear border.



C. Figure 10- 1



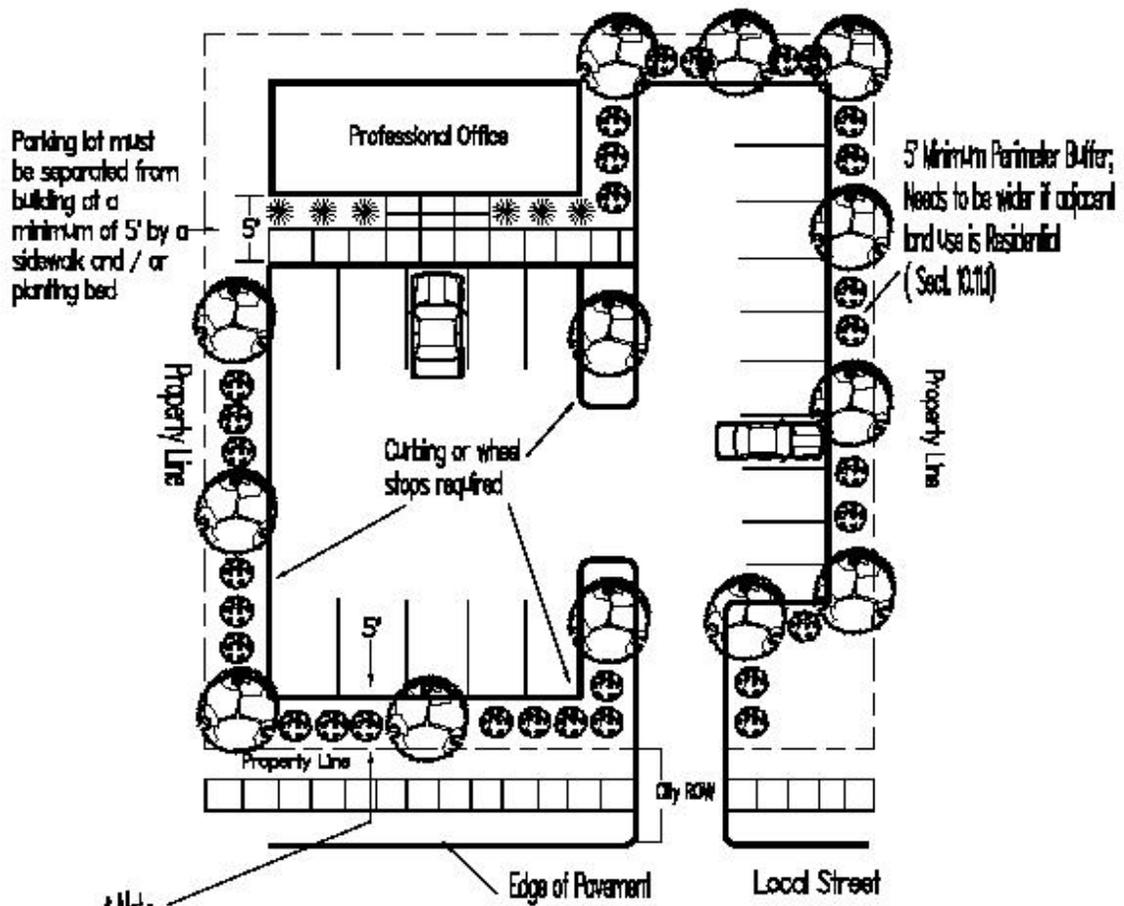
Parking Area Buffers Figure 10-2 Parking Area Landscaping Interior Parking Area Landscape Requirements – New Parking Areas

- (1) All rows of parking shall be terminated by a canopy tree planted within a landscape island. The landscape island shall be a minimum dimension of six (6) feet by eighteen (18) feet for single-loaded parking rows and six (6) feet by thirty-six (36) feet for double-loaded parking rows. Trees planted within perimeter landscape strips may be used to satisfy this requirement.
- (2) One (1) canopy tree shall be required for every fifteen (15) parking spaces, and one (1) shrub shall be provided for every ten (10) parking spaces required. All vehicular parking spaces must have at least one (1) tree within sixty (60) feet of each parking space.

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Perimeter Parking Area Buffer Requirements



Note

5' minimum landscape area on local streets

10' minimum landscape area on minor and major streets, on the transportation plan