

**Land
Development
Code**



**City of
Hickory, NC**

Detention Facilities	Open Storage, Principal Use
Industrial Service	Railroad Yards
Junkyards and Recycling Facilities	Warehouse and Freight Movement
Kennels	Waste Related
Major Event Entertainment	Wholesale Sales

9.14.6 Other Required Screening

A. Screening of Open Storage

Permitted open storage areas, as a principal or accessory use, shall be screened from view of any major and/or minor transportation roadway as shown on the Hickory by Choice Future Land Use and Transportation Plan Map and from all residentially zoned properties as described in Sections 6.2.18 and 6.3.5.

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.

9.14.7 Landscape Requirements for Parking Areas

A. General Requirements

- (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 site triangle requirements.
- (4) Refer to Section 9.14.9 for plant specifications and to the Manual of Practice for recommended plant species and other information.
- (5) Additional parking area landscape standards are required for developments within center and several overlay districts. Refer to those sections for additional requirements.
- (6) When calculating the number of trees and shrubs required, any fraction of a number shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

B. Perimeter Parking Area Buffer Requirements

- (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.
- (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.

- (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.

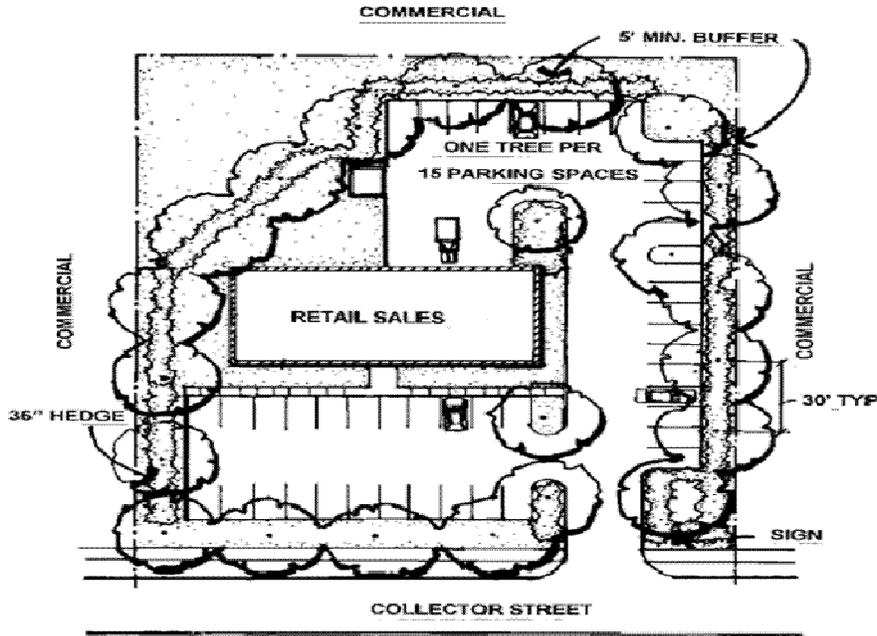


Figure 10- 1 Parking Area Buffers (CC-2, OI, C-2, C-3 District)

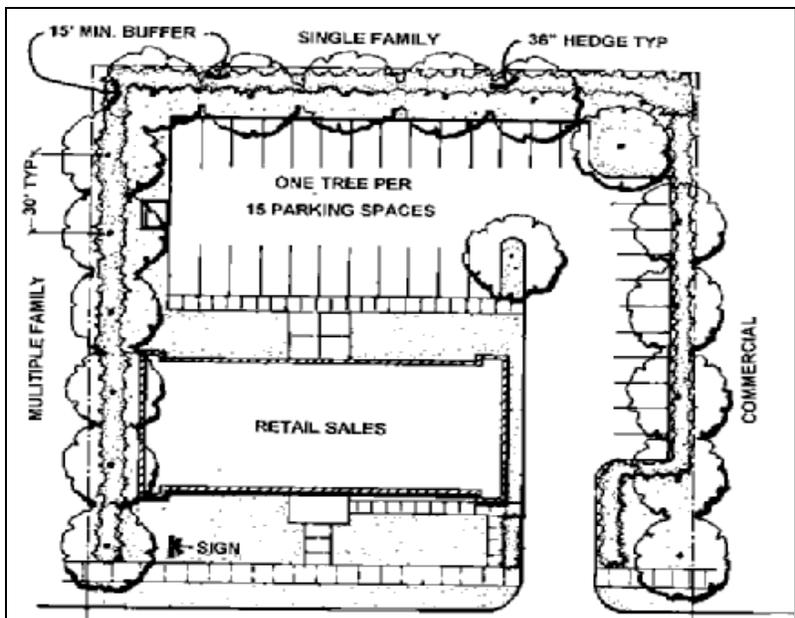
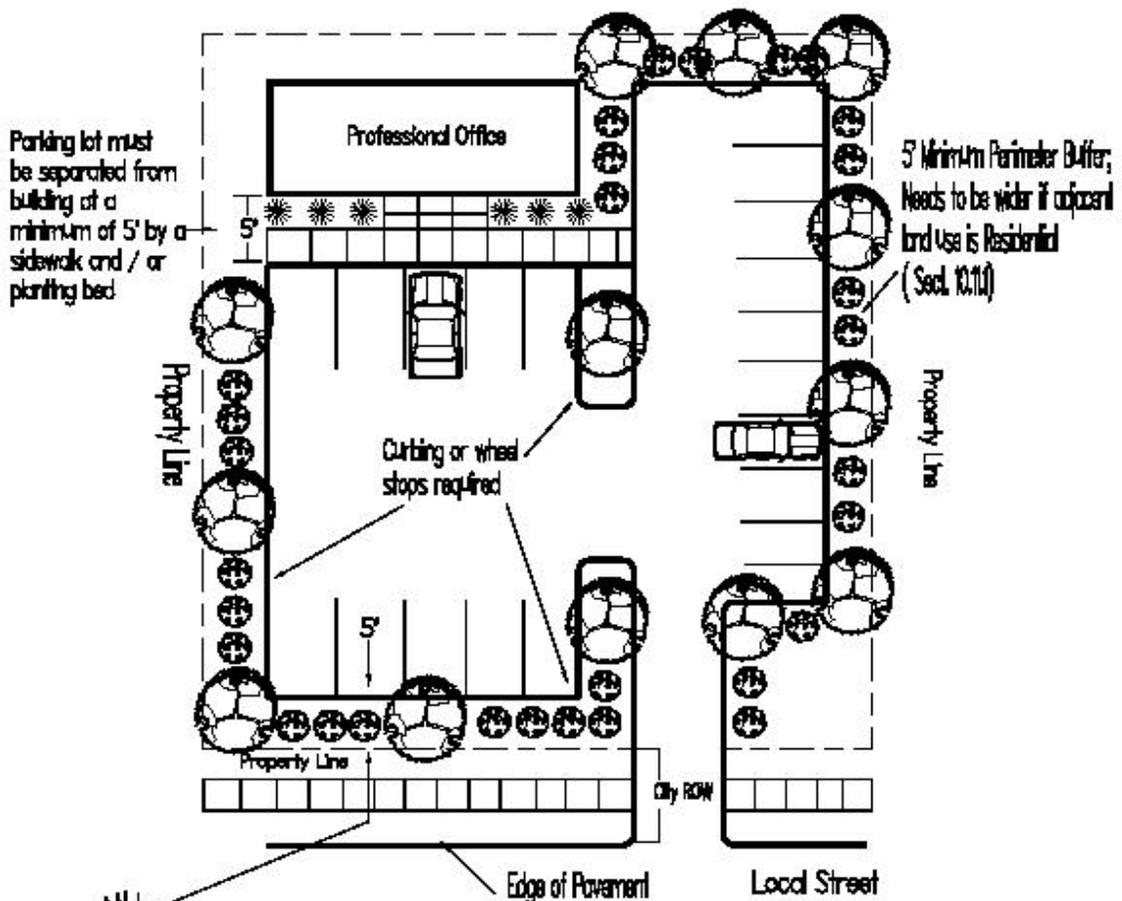


Figure 10-2 Parking Area Landscaping (NC or CC-1 district)

City of Hickory
Landscape Ordinance
And Tree Preservation
Handbook



Perimeter Parking Area Buffer Requirements



Parking lot must be separated from building of a minimum of 5' by a sidewalk and / or planting bed

5' Minimum Perimeter Buffer; Needs to be wider if adjacent land use is Residential (Sec. 10.11)

Note

5' minimum landscape area on local streets

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