City of Santa Barbara

LANDSCAPE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

When landscape plans are required for a project before the Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) or Single Family Design Board (SFDB), they must be submitted prior to the Project Design Approval hearing. For project applicability and standards, review the Landscape Design sections in the appropriate Design Review Guidelines. Also refer to the California State Business and Professions Code §5640 for plan preparation licensing requirements.

A. **Preliminary landscape plans** shall include the following contents:

1. Location, size, species and common name of existing and proposed trees, shrubs, plants and turf. *Note: Avoid invasive species of concern as listed in the appendices of the ABR, HLC and SFDB Guidelines, especially near creeks where native plants may be required. See the ABR and HLC Guidelines for appropriate parking lot trees. Additionally, see the HLC Guidelines for plants compatible with an historic setting.*
2. Any trees proposed for removal indicated with an "X."
3. Total landscaped area in square feet. (Applicants may choose to use the optional "Project Statistics Form" available as an Excel electronic file on-line at http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Home/Forms/planning.htm to record landscape project statistics.)
4. Total proposed water-wise and non-water-wise planting areas in square feet and as a percentage of total area landscaped with plants. "Water-wise" plants are required for 80% or more of residential project landscaped areas. (See the "Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation" handout for more details.)
5. Location of any proposed paved surfaces. Site and lot landscape and hardscape area square feet and percentages. If Storm Water Management Program Best Management Practices or one-inch storm provisions are required, also indicate these features.
6. Existing and proposed landscaping for street parkway strips fronting the subject property.
7. For projects in the High Fire Hazard Area, additional submittal requirements apply (see the City of Santa Barbara Fire Prevention Bureau "High Fire Hazard Area Landscape Guidelines" handout); for example:
   a) Indication of which existing and proposed vegetation is native and indication of existing native vegetation to be retained.
   b) Include the proposed method to remove vegetation (e.g. mechanical or hand cutting).
   c) Delineate landscape zones around structures following plant placement suggestions (0-30 ft., 30–50 ft., 50–70 ft. and 70–100 ft.)
   d) Final landscape plans may also be required to include additional planting, specifications, and erosion control measures.

B. **Final landscape plans** may also be required to include additional planting, specifications, and erosion control measures.

1. Irrigation plans are required unless waived by the ABR, HLC or SFDB.
2. An irrigation plan must include the City Water Conservation compliance statement at final approval. Refer to the "Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation" handout for further irrigation plan requirements.

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ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW (ABR)
LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINES
CONSISTENCY WORKSHEET

ADDRESS:_____ **MST20** _____

Directions: This form is designed to assist in the preparation of a landscape plan.

Tree Removals. How many trees proposed for removal? _____	**Sheet:**_____
	Circle One
Invasive Plants. Are any species listed on the Cal IPC list of potentially invasive plants (App. C), such as running bamboo, fountain or Mexican feather grasses, or periwinkle proposed? If yes, which potentially invasive plants are proposed, and how many feet from the nearest City open water course or natural open space are the plants proposed to be planted? **List:**_____	Yes No
Right Plant, Right Place. Will proposed plants have: adequate space when mature growth is reached, adequate sunlight and appropriate watering, verified using a reference source such as the Sunset Western Garden Book?	Yes No
Water Conservation. Are water wise plants used for 100% of the landscaped area of commercial projects? Are water wise plants used for at least 80% of the landscaped area of residential projects? Is turf limited, efficient irrigation design proposed and the Landscape Compliance Statement reproduced on the plans?	Yes No
Permeability. Has pavement been minimized, permeable designs used as much as feasible, and is landscaping designed to slow water movement and minimize run-off?	Yes No
Sustainability. Have principles listed in guideline 2.2.3 been followed regarding vegetation preservation, minimizing potential erosion, stormwater management, permeability, etc.?	Yes No
Specific Guidelines. Are any of the following ABR landscape guidelines applicable to the project? ***(Circle "Yes" if specific guidelines listed are applicable)*** Yes 2.2.4 Street and Driveway Design Yes 2.2.5 Parking Lot Yes 2.3.1 Commercial/Industrial Yes 2.3.1 Mixed Use Yes 2.3.2 Multi-Family Residential Yes 2.3.3 Two-Family (R-2) Zone Yes 2.5.1 Hillside Residential Yes 2.5.2 Creeks, Watercourses or Wetland Yes 2.5.3 High Fire Hazard area If specific ABR guidelines above are applicable, have the guideline sections been reviewed for consistency with proposed plans, and are the plans consistent with the guidelines?	Yes No
General. Does the landscaping achieve general landscaping goals? ☐ Complement architecture? ☐ Provide outdoor privacy areas? ☐ Provide screening for undesirable views? ☐ Provide usable and functional open space?	Yes No

Please sign and date the bottom of this sheet to acknowledge that you have verified the above:

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Signature (Applicant or Agent) *Date*

ADVISORY: The following optional items can facilitate efficient landscape plans review: 1) mature plant heights list; 2) inset or keyed example pictures of proposed plant species; and 3) notation of each proposed plant as either low-water-use or not per Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation.