



7. The following are required for parking areas having more than 15 spaces. (108-2-6 (e))

*Internal parking lot landscape standards.* Parking areas having more than 15 spaces shall be required to provide interior landscaping within the boundaries of the parking lot or area that meets the following criteria:

1. *Minimum parking lot landscape area.* A minimum of five percent of the interior area shall be landscaped. Landscaped areas located along the perimeter of the parking area beyond the curb or edge of pavement shall not be included as interior landscaping.
2. *Calculating parking lot area.* Interior parking area shall be calculated by adding the total area of all parking stalls and adjacent driveway aisles. Excluded are access entrances/driveways and drop-off or service zones and their accompanying driveway aisles.
3. *Parking lot landscape islands.* Each separate interior landscape island shall contain a minimum of 120 square feet and shall have a minimum dimension of five feet as measured from back of curb to back of curb, or from edge of pavement to edge of pavement. Landscape islands shall be dispersed throughout the parking area to effectively break up the expanse of paving.
4. *Parking lot trees and shrubs.* Landscape treatment shall consist of one tree per each 120 square feet of the minimum required interior landscape area. A minimum of 50 percent of the minimum required interior landscape area shall be planted with shrubs or groundcovers at the appropriate density to achieve complete coverage within two years. Mature shrub or groundcover height shall not exceed four feet as measured from the parking surface.
5. *Parking lot landscape island protection barriers.* Interior landscaped areas shall be protected by some type of permanent barriers.