



Tree/Shrub Replacement Compliance Form

All landscaping must be maintained per Town Code Section 30-553. If trees are to be removed the following form must be filled out and all trees and shrubs replace per city code. You will have 30 days to replant the trees. Extension can be granted, however, approval from the Town if required for this extension. Bonding may be required.

Date _____ Permit # (if applicable) _____

Property Address _____

Owner _____ Phone _____

Owner Address _____ Email _____

Contractor _____ Phone _____

Contractor Address _____ Email _____



Number of Large trees removed _____

Number of Small trees removed _____

Number of Large shrubs removed _____

Number in buffer 100' buffer _____

Total Removed _____

Tree/Shrub Sizes
Small Tree = 1-1/2 Caliper
Large Tree = 2" plus Caliper
Large Shrub = 5' plus Height or Spread

Date trees are to be replaced _____ or

Waiver requested (Minimum remaining landscaping required)

Reason for Waiver _____

Owner Signature _____

Contractor Signature _____

Town Approval _____

Please send Site/Landscaping Plan and Planting Schedule to Jenelle Gerthoffer at:

Jgerthoffer@oceancitymd.gov ; or

Town of Ocean City, P.O. Box 158, Ocean City, MD 21842

Don't forget to call for a final inspection at 410.289.8825



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Intensely developed areas

(c) Development Standards

(8) Afforestation.

e. Trees or shrubs outside the 100-foot Buffer that are removed, including dead diseased or dying plants, shall be replaced at a 1:1 ratio. Tree or shrub removal done at the direction of the Town for purposes of public safety shall be exempt from this section. Trees removed from the 100-foot Buffer shall be mitigated at a 2:1 ratio.

Landscaping, Consists of trees woody plant materials shrubs ornamental grasses and herbaceous plants

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(15) General Landscape Provisions

c. Installation maintenance and inspections

i. All landscaping materials shall be installed in a sound workmanlike manner and according to accepted planting procedures The Department shall determine the adaptability of the proposed plants to the proposed site in accordance with landscape standards on file with the Department All landscaping materials shall be installed or guaranteed with a cash or surety bond in accordance with the approved landscape plan prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy

ii. Each landscape area must be readily accessible to a water supply. Landscape areas shall be kept healthy and free from refuse and debris at all times Proper maintenance shall include watering weeding mowing mulching fertilizing and pruning.

iii. Landscaping shall be inspected every three years by the Department to ensure proper maintenance If it is determined that the landscaping is not being properly maintained the owner shall be so notified by the Department in writing The owner shall have 30 days from the date of notification to replace unhealthy or dead plant material or restore it to a healthy condition If this notification occurs during a season not appropriate for planting the replacement or restoration shall be completed as soon as possible If replacement or restoration is not completed in the prescribed time period and to the satisfaction of the Department continuing violations will be subject to municipal infraction

Sec. 98-35. Area between vehicular use areas and public rights-of-way. 

On the site of a building or open lot use providing an off-street parking area or other vehicular use area adjacent to a public right-of-way, there shall be provided landscaping between such area and right-of-way, as follows:

(1) Where a vehicular use area abuts a public right-of-way other than an alley, a strip of land at least five feet wide located between the abutting right-of-way and the vehicular use area shall be landscaped. The 2½ feet of said five-foot area which abuts the right-of-way must be clear of any obstructions, including vehicle overhang. The 2½ feet which abuts the vehicular use area may be part of the required vehicular use area, but may not be paved or improved in any manner other than with landscaping. Wheel stops or curbing must be provided to protect the landscaped area from vehicular damage; however, vehicles may overhang the inside 2½-foot area.



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- (2) This landscaped area shall be planted with materials which will provide a variety of textures, heights and shapes to create a pleasing appearance, at a spacing and frequency recommended by the American Association of Nurserymen's American Standard for Nursery Stock, but shall include a ratio **of at least one tree for each 35 linear feet or fraction thereof. If such landscaping is of nonliving material** (e.g., a fence or wall), for each five feet thereof, one shrub or vine shall be planted abutting such barrier, but need not be spaced five feet apart. Such shrubs or vines shall be planted along the street side of the fence or wall unless they are of sufficient height at the time of planting to be readily visible over the top of a fence or wall. The remainder of this required landscaped area shall be landscaped with grass, ground cover or other landscape treatment, excluding paving.
- (3) Where a vehicular use area abuts a public alley, a landscaped area at least 2½ feet wide shall be provided and landscaped in the manner described in [section 98-35\(2\)](#). This landscaped area may be part of the vehicular use area, but may not be paved or improved in any manner other than with landscaping. Wheel stops or curbing must be provided to protect the landscaped area from vehicular damage; however, vehicles may overhang the area.
- (4) Necessary accessways from the public right-of-way through all such landscaping shall be permitted to service the parking or other vehicular use areas and such accessways may not be subtracted from the linear dimension used to determine the number of trees required.
- (5) When a parallel parking space abuts a public street or alley, the 2½-foot-wide perimeter landscape area must be clear of any obstruction and may not be part of the required vehicular use area.

(Code 1972, § 59-4)