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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 00- 038

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 18.43  
RELATING TO LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the county executive and county council have identified regulatory reform of land use regulations as a high priority for county government; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the county council, the county executive and prosecuting attorney have established a regulatory reform process to make land use regulations more understandable to the public and more easily implemented by the county; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is a result of that process;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1.** Snohomish County Code Section 18.43.050, last amended by Ordinance No. 98-121 on December 16, 1998 is **AMENDED** to read:

18.43.050 Landscaping requirements.

(1) The landscaping requirements matrix of SCC 18.43.050(3) indicates minimum width and type(s) of buffer (~~types~~) required by use and zone. Buffer type descriptions are contained in SCC 18.43.040. Additional landscape requirements for PCB, BP and IP zones are contained in SCC 18.60.110 through 18.60.140.

(2) An accessible route of travel may cross required landscape area(s) including buffer types I, II, or III. An accessible route of travel shall cross the width of the required landscaping area at 90 degrees or as close to 90 degrees to the street right-of-way as site conditions allow. The area devoted to an accessible route of travel may be included to satisfy site landscaping requirements, except for those within any parking area. See 18.43-Figure 1-"Accessible Routes of Travel".

(3) Landscape requirement matrix and reference notes  
(a) Landscape Requirement Matrix.

ZONE/ LOCATION	RU	NB	CB	GC	LI	HI	PCB	BP	IP	RB	RFS	RI
Abutting Residentially designated property or use if not a parking or display area.		10 ((feet)) foot Type II	10 ((feet)) foot Type II	10 ((feet)) foot Type II	20 ((feet)) foot Type II	20 ((feet)) foot Type II	10 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type II	25 ((feet)) foot Type II	50 ((feet)) foot Type II	50 ((feet)) foot Type II	100 ((feet)) foot Type II
Between R/W and private roads, private access easements, or parking areas.		5 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type II	25 ((feet)) foot Type II	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III
Outside storage or waste areas.		Type I	Type I	Type I	Type I or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II	Type I or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II	Type I	Type I	Type I	Type I or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II	(4) Type I or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II	(4) Type I or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II
R/W frontage if not a parking or display area		10 ((feet)) foot Type III	10 ((feet)) foot Type III	10 ((feet)) foot Type III	20 ((feet)) foot Type III	20 ((feet)) foot Type III	5 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III	25 ((feet)) foot Type III
Between residential and non-residential uses or designations	Type 1 or 5 ((feet)) foot Type II											
Abutting commercially designated property.					20 ((feet)) foot Type III	20 ((feet)) foot Type III						

\* See SCC 18.43.050(3)(b)(i) for buffer width averaging.

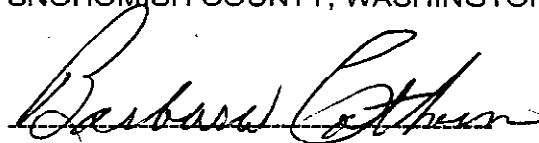
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(b) Landscape matrix reference notes:


(i) The specified standard buffer width may be reduced using buffer width averaging. When buffer width averaging is used, a minimum buffer width of ten feet shall be maintained, and the total area of the buffer shall not be less than the total area that is required if the standard buffer were used.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000

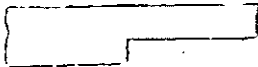
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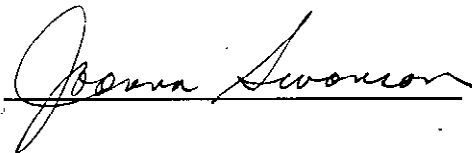
  
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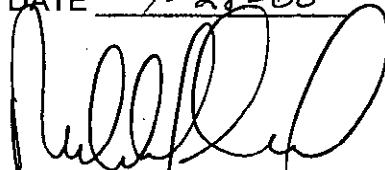
  
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- APPROVED
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DATE 7-28-00

  
County Executive

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Karen Jorgensen-Peters

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