

Landscaping Checklist for DRC Review

The following is a list of regulations pertaining to establishment of functional landscaping for DRC Review. This list is compiled from Article VIII, Functional Landscaping of the City of Sunrise Code. This list is not all-inclusive. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all parts of the Landscape requirements of the City are fulfilled.

General

- ❑ A Registered Landscape Architect must seal landscape plans. A raised seal of the L.A. and contact information must be present.
- ❑ Prior to beginning any landscape installation or tree preparation a permit from Planning and Development must be issued.
- ❑ All plant material must be Florida #1 or better.

Existing Trees

- ❑ A survey of existing vegetation to be preserved in place, relocated or removed is required. This survey should identify the tree by common and botanical name. The height and spread of each tree along with a condition rating and disposition should be included in the survey chart.
- ❑ Include a chart showing mitigation for each tree proposed to be relocated or removed or any tree missing from a previously approved landscape plan.

Irrigation

- ❑ Include a layout of the irrigation system, including identification of all water sources. Irrigation must provide 100% coverage, 50% overlap from a rust-free source with a rain sensor cut off control.

Installation Heights

- ❑ Sizes of trees at the time of installation must conform to approved City of Sunrise plant list, except that 25% of new trees must be specimen trees. Specimen trees are one-third larger at the time of planting.
- ❑ Shrubs used for mid-level planting must be 24" x 24" at planting.
- ❑ Plants used for upper-level landscape should be 30" tall at the time of planting.
- ❑ Low-level material should be 18" or **less** at planting.

Perimeter

- ❑ In all Residential multifamily and all Business, Industrial and Community Facilities a landscaped berm is required adjacent to the street rights-of-way.
- ❑ A berm and wall is required where residential developments abut a street right-of-way or designated open space.

Parking

- ❑ Head-to-head parking spaces must be separated by an 8 feet wide green space (not including curbing) and a tree is required every 25 feet.
- ❑ Soil within finger islands or abutting vehicular use areas must be excavated to a depth of 30 inches.
- ❑ No more than 8 parking spaces in a row are allowed. A minimum 8-ft landscaped island (not including curbing) shall be provided separating rows of parking.
- ❑ A finger island containing a tree is required to divide parking spaces in groups of eight.
- ❑ Wheelstops are required 18” from the edge of landscaped areas.

Pedestrian Zone & Foundation Planting Area

- ❑ Pedestrian Zone is a setback from any building facing parking, drive or residential district.
- ❑ The Foundation Planting Area is part of the Pedestrian Zone (typically closes to the building). The Foundation Planting Area may not be less than 8’ in width.
- ❑ The Pedestrian Zone may not be less than 10’ in width.
- ❑ The overall minimum size of the Pedestrian zone is covered in Section 16-169 (d).
- ❑ Pedestrian Zone requires one tree per 30’ and the size at installation is covered in section 16-169(d)(3).

Entry Feature

- ❑ Entry Feature Landscaping should consist of Trees and Upper, Mid & Low level landscape.
- ❑ The length of an Entry Feature along a roadway should be equal to the width of the abutting Right-of-Way.
- ❑ An Entry Feature extends into the property to an intersecting drive or parking spaces of a parking lot.

Single Family Homes

- ❑ *In general.* A minimum of 4 trees should be planted per lot except in RS-7 where only 3 trees per lot are required.
- ❑ A minimum of 15 shrubs is required.
- ❑ Entire lot should be covered with St. Augustine grass.