

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE 9725

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300.13 Subd. 6 B. 6
OF THE LAKE ELMO MUNICIPAL CODE


Section 1. Amendment: Section 300.13 Subd. 6 B. 6 Off-Street Parking of the Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Design and Maintenance of Off-Street Parking Areas

6.Planting Requirements within parking and vehicular use areas. For surface parking areas of more than 15 vehicles all parking areas and all zoning districts shall include the following minimum requirements in order to provide interior landscaping within vehicular parking areas, to break up the large expanses of pavement, to provide relief from reflected glare and heat, and to guide vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

- a. Not less that 10% of the interior of a parking lot shall be landscaped. The interior of a parking lot shall be calculated by multiplying the number of parking spaces to 310 sq. ft. Plantings required along the perimeter of a parking lot shall not be considered as part of the interior-parking requirement.
- b. Landscaping and planting areas shall be reasonably dispersed throughout the parking lot.
- c. The interior dimensions of any planting area or planting median shall be sufficient to protect the landscaping materials planted therein and to ensure proper growth; in no event shall any such area be less that 5 feet in width. Vertical curbs or other such structures shall protect each area.
- d. The primary landscaping materials used in parking lots shall be trees that provide shade or are capable of providing shade at maturity. Shrubbery, hedges and other planting materials shall be used to complement the tree landscaping, but shall not be the sole means of landscaping. Effective use of earth berms and existing topography is also encouraged as a component of the landscape plan.
- e. In those instances where plant materials exist on a parking lot site prior to its development, such materials may be used if approved as meeting the requirements.
- f. No landscaping, shrub, fence, wall or similar item shall be placed in entrance areas or in the intersections of a public right-of-way which would obstruct the visibility of traffic.

Adopted by the Lake Elmo City Council this 2nd day of March, 1998.


Wyn John, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Mary Kueffner, City Administrator

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