SITE DESIGN REVIEW.

Section 4.400. Purpose.

(.01) Excessive uniformity, inappropriateness or poor design of the exterior appearance of structures and signs and the lack of proper attention to site development and landscaping in the business, commercial, industrial and certain residential areas of the City hinders the harmonious development of the City, impairs the desirability of residence, investment or occupation in the City, limits the opportunity to attain the optimum use in value and improvements, adversely affects the stability and value of property, produces degeneration of property in such areas and with attendant deterioration of conditions affecting the peace, health and welfare, and destroys a proper relationship between the taxable value of property and the cost of municipal services therefor.

(.02) The City Council declares that the purposes and objectives of site development requirements and the site design review procedure are to:

A. Assure that Site Development Plans are designed in a manner that insures proper functioning of the site and maintains a high quality visual environment.

B. Encourage originality, flexibility and innovation in site planning and development, including the architecture, landscaping and graphic design of said development;

C. Discourage monotonous, drab, unsightly, dreary and inharmonious developments;

D. Conserve the City's natural beauty and visual character and charm by assuring that structures, signs and other improvements are properly related to their sites, and to surrounding sites and structures, with due regard to the aesthetic qualities of the natural terrain and landscaping, and that proper attention is given to exterior appearances of structures, signs and other improvements;

E. Protect and enhance the City's appeal and thus support and stimulate business and industry and promote the desirability of investment and occupancy in business, commercial and industrial purposes;

F. Stabilize and improve property values and prevent blighted areas and, thus, increase tax revenues;

G. Insure that adequate public facilities are available to serve development as it occurs and that proper attention is given to site planning and development so as to not adversely impact the orderly, efficient and economic provision of public facilities and services.

H. Achieve the beneficial influence of pleasant environments for living and working on behavioral patterns and, thus, decrease the cost of governmental services and reduce opportunities for crime through careful consideration of physical
design and site layout under defensible space guidelines that clearly define all areas as either public, semi-private, or private, provide clear identity of structures and opportunities for easy surveillance of the site that maximize resident control of behavior -- particularly crime;

I. Foster civic pride and community spirit so as to improve the quality and quantity of citizen participation in local government and in community growth, change and improvements;

J. Sustain the comfort, health, tranquility and contentment of residents and attract new residents by reason of the City's favorable environment and, thus, to promote and protect the peace, health and welfare of the City.

Section 4.420. Jurisdiction and Powers of the Board.

(.01) Application of Section. Except for single-family or two-family dwellings in any residential zoning district, and in the Village zone, row houses or apartments, no Building Permit shall be issued for a new building or major exterior remodeling of an existing building, and no Sign Permit, except as permitted in Sections 4.156.02 and 4.156.05, shall be issued for the erection or construction of a sign relating to such new building or major remodeling, until the plans, drawings, sketches and other documents required for a Sign Permit application have been reviewed and approved by the Board. [Amended by Ord. No. 538, 2/21/02.] [Amended by Ord. No. 557, 9/5/03.] [Amended by Ord. No. 704, 6/18/12]

(.02) Development in Accord with Plans. Construction, site development and landscaping shall be carried out in substantial accord with the plans, drawings, sketches and other documents approved by the Board, unless altered with Board approval. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent ordinary repair, maintenance and replacement of any part of the building or landscaping which does not involve a substantial change from the purpose of Section 4.400. If the Board objects to such proposed changes, they shall be subject to the procedures and requirements of the site design review process applicable to new proposals.

(.03) Variances. The Board may authorize variances from the site development requirements, based upon the procedures, standards and criteria listed in Section 4.196. Variances shall be considered in conjunction with the site design review process.

Section 4.421. Criteria and Application of Design Standards.

(.01) The following standards shall be utilized by the Board in reviewing the plans, drawings, sketches and other documents required for Site Design Review. These standards are intended to provide a frame of reference for the applicant in the development of site and building plans as well as a method of review for the Board. These standards shall not be regarded as inflexible requirements. They are not
intended to discourage creativity, invention and innovation. The specifications of one or more particular architectural styles is not included in these standards. (Even in the Boones Ferry Overlay Zone, a range of architectural styles will be encouraged.)

A. Preservation of Landscape. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soils removal, and any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas.

B. Relation of Proposed Buildings to Environment. Proposed structures shall be located and designed to assure harmony with the natural environment, including protection of steep slopes, vegetation and other naturally sensitive areas for wildlife habitat and shall provide proper buffering from less intensive uses in accordance with Sections 4.171 and 4.139 and 4.139.5. The achievement of such relationship may include the enclosure of space in conjunction with other existing buildings or other proposed buildings and the creation of focal points with respect to avenues of approach, street access or relationships to natural features such as vegetation or topography.

C. Drives, Parking and Circulation. With respect to vehicular and pedestrian circulation, including walkways, interior drives and parking, special attention shall be given to location and number of access points, general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and arrangement of parking areas that are safe and convenient and, insofar as practicable, do not detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures and the neighboring properties.

D. Surface Water Drainage. Special attention shall be given to proper site surface drainage so that removal of surface waters will not adversely affect neighboring properties of the public storm drainage system.

E. Utility Service. Any utility installations above ground shall be located so as to have a harmonious relation to neighboring properties and site. The proposed method of sanitary and storm sewage disposal from all buildings shall be indicated.

F. Advertising Features. In addition to the requirements of the City's sign regulations, the following criteria should be included: the size, location, design, color, texture, lighting and materials of all exterior signs and outdoor advertising structures or features shall not detract from the design of proposed buildings and structures and the surrounding properties.

G. Special Features. Exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, surface areas, truck loading areas, utility buildings and structures and similar accessory areas and structures shall be subject to such setbacks, screen plantings or other screening methods as shall be required to prevent their being incongruous with the existing or contemplated environment and its surrounding
properties. Standards for screening and buffering are contained in Section 4.176.

(.02) The standards of review outlined in Sections (a) through (g) above shall also apply to all accessory buildings, structures, exterior signs and other site features, however related to the major buildings or structures.

(.03) The Board shall also be guided by the purpose of Section 4.400, and such objectives shall serve as additional criteria and standards.

(.04) Conditional application. The Planning Director, Planning Commission, Development Review Board or City Council may, as a Condition of Approval for a zone change, subdivision, land partition, variance, conditional use, or other land use action, require conformance to the site development standards set forth in this Section.

(.05) The Board may attach certain development or use conditions in granting an approval that are determined necessary to insure the proper and efficient functioning of the development, consistent with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan, allowed densities and the requirements of this Code. In making this determination of compliance and attaching conditions, the Board shall, however, consider the effects of this action on the availability and cost of needed housing. The provisions of this section shall not be used in such a manner that additional conditions either singularly or accumulatively have the effect of unnecessarily increasing the cost of housing or effectively excluding a needed housing type.

(.06) The Board or Planning Director may require that certain paints or colors of materials be used in approving applications. Such requirements shall only be applied when site development or other land use applications are being reviewed by the City.

A. Where the conditions of approval for a development permit specify that certain paints or colors of materials be used, the use of those paints or colors shall be binding upon the applicant. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted until compliance with such conditions has been verified.

B. Subsequent changes to the color of a structure shall not be subject to City review unless the conditions of approval under which the original colors were set included a condition requiring a subsequent review before the colors could be changed.

Section 4.430. Location, Design and Access Standards for mixed Solid Waste and Recycling Areas

(.01) The following locations, design and access standards for mixed solid waste and recycling storage areas shall be applicable to the requirements of Section 4.179 of the Wilsonville City Code.

(.02) Location Standards:
A. To encourage its use, the storage area for source separated recyclables shall be co-located with the storage area for residual mixed solid waste.

B. Indoor and outdoor storage areas shall comply with Uniform Building and Fire Code requirements.

C. Storage area space requirements can be satisfied with a single location or multiple locations and can combine with both interior and exterior locations.

D. Exterior storage areas can be located within interior side yard or rear yard areas. Minimum setback shall be three (3) feet. Exterior storage areas shall not be located within a required front yard setback, including double frontage lots.

E. Exterior storage areas shall be located in central and visible locations on a site to enhance security for users.

F. Exterior storage areas can be located in a parking area if the proposed use provides at least the minimum number of parking spaces required for the use after deducting the area used for storage. Storage areas shall be appropriately screened according to the provisions of Section 4.430 (.03), below.

G. The storage area shall be accessible for collection vehicles and located so that the storage area will not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic movement on the site or on public streets adjacent to the site.

(.03) Design Standards.

A. The dimensions of the storage area shall accommodate containers consistent with current methods of local collection.

B. Storage containers shall meet Uniform Fire Code standards and be made of or covered with waterproof materials or situated in a covered area.

C. Exterior storage areas shall be enclosed by a sight obscuring fence, wall or hedge at least six (6) feet in height. Gate openings for haulers shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet wide and shall be capable of being secured in a closed or open position. In no case shall exterior storage areas be located in conflict with the vision clearance requirements of Section 4.177.

D. Storage area(s) and containers shall be clearly labeled to indicate the type of materials accepted.

(.04) Access Standards.

A. Access to storage areas can be limited for security reasons. However, the storage area shall be accessible to users at convenient times of the day and to collect service personnel on the day and approximate time they are scheduled to provide collection service.

B. Storage areas shall be designed to be easily accessible to collection trucks and equipment, considering paving, grade and vehicle access. A minimum of ten
(10) feet horizontal clearance and eight feet of vertical clearance is required if the storage area is covered.

C. Storage areas shall be accessible to collection vehicles without requiring backing out of a driveway onto a public street. If only a single access point is available to the storage area, adequate turning radius shall be provided to allow collection vehicles to safely exit the site in a forward motion. (Added by Ordinance #426, April 4, 1994.)

Section 4.440. Procedure.

(.01) Submission of Documents. A prospective applicant for a building or other permit who is subject to site design review shall submit to the Planning Department, in addition to the requirements of Section 4.035, the following:

A. A site plan, drawn to scale, showing the proposed layout of all structures and other improvements including, where appropriate, driveways, pedestrian walks, landscaped areas, fences, walls, off-street parking and loading areas, and railroad tracks. The site plan shall indicate the location of entrances and exits and direction of traffic flow into and out of off-street parking and loading areas, the location of each parking space and each loading berth and areas of turning and maneuvering vehicles. The site plan shall indicate how utility service and drainage are to be provided.

B. A Landscape Plan, drawn to scale, showing the location and design of landscaped areas, the variety and sizes of trees and plant materials to be planted on the site, the location and design of landscaped areas, the varieties, by scientific and common name, and sizes of trees and plant materials to be retained or planted on the site, other pertinent landscape features, and irrigation systems required to maintain trees and plant materials. An inventory, drawn at the same scale as the Site Plan, of existing trees of 4" caliper or more is required. However, when large areas of trees are proposed to be retained undisturbed, only a survey identifying the location and size of all perimeter trees in the mass in necessary.

C. Architectural drawings or sketches, drawn to scale, including floor plans, in sufficient detail to permit computation of yard requirements and showing all elevations of the proposed structures and other improvements as they will appear on completion of construction. Floor plans shall also be provided in sufficient detail to permit computation of yard requirements based on the relationship of indoor versus outdoor living area, and to evaluate the floor plan's effect on the exterior design of the building through the placement and configuration of windows and doors.

D. A Color Board displaying specifications as to type, color, and texture of exterior surfaces of proposed structures. Also, a phased development schedule if the development is constructed in stages.
E. A sign Plan, drawn to scale, showing the location, size, design, material, color and methods of illumination of all exterior signs.

F. The required application fee.

(.02) As soon as possible after the preparation of a staff report, a public hearing shall be scheduled before the Development Review Board. In accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4.010(2) and 4.012, the Development Review Board shall review and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the proposed architectural, site development, landscaping or sign plans of the applicant. If the Board finds that additional information or time are necessary to render a decision, the matter may be continued to a date certain. The applicant shall be immediately notified in writing of any such continuation or delay together with the scheduled date of review.

Section 4.441. Effective Date of Decisions.
A decision of the Board shall become effective fourteen (14) calendar days after the date of the decision, unless the decision is appealed to, or called up by, the Council. If the decision of the Board is appealed to, or called up by, the City Council, the decision of the Council shall become effective immediately.

Section 4.442. Time Limit on Approval.
Site design review approval shall be void after two (2) years unless a building permit has been issued and substantial development pursuant thereto has taken place; or an extension is granted by motion of the Board.

Section 4.443. Preliminary Consideration.
An applicant may request preliminary consideration by the Board of general plans prior to seeking a building permit. When seeking preliminary consideration, the applicant shall submit a site plan showing the proposed structures, improvements and parking, together with a general description of the plans. The Board shall approve or reject all or part of the applicant's general plan within the normal time requirements of a formal application. Preliminary approval shall be deemed to be approval of the final plan to the extent that the final design contains the characteristics of the preliminary design.

Section 4.450. Installation of Landscaping.

(.01) All landscaping required by this section and approved by the Board shall be installed prior to issuance of occupancy permits, unless security equal to one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the cost of the landscaping as determined by the Planning Director is filed with the City assuring such installation within six (6) months of occupancy. "Security" is cash, certified check, time certificates of deposit, assignment of a savings account or such other assurance of completion as shall meet with the approval of the City Attorney. In such cases the developer shall also
provide written authorization, to the satisfaction of the City Attorney, for the City or its designees to enter the property and complete the landscaping as approved. If the installation of the landscaping is not completed within the six-month period, or within an extension of time authorized by the Board, the security may be used by the City to complete the installation. Upon completion of the installation, any portion of the remaining security deposited with the City shall be returned to the applicant.

(.02) Action by the City approving a proposed landscape plan shall be binding upon the applicant. Substitution of plant materials, irrigation systems, or other aspects of an approved landscape plan shall not be made without official action of the Planning Director or Development Review Board, as specified in this Code.

(.03) All landscaping shall be continually maintained, including necessary watering, weeding, pruning, and replacing, in a substantially similar manner as originally approved by the Board, unless altered with Board approval.

(.04) If a property owner wishes to add landscaping for an existing development, in an effort to beautify the property, the Landscape Standards set forth in Section 4.176 shall not apply and no Plan approval or permit shall be required. If the owner wishes to modify or remove landscaping that has been accepted or approved through the City’s development review process, that removal or modification must first be approved through the procedures of Section 4.010.