

Parking Lot Screening Devices Examples

Cities require a decorative screening device between a parking lot and a public right-of-way. This device enhances the pedestrian experience and elevates the aesthetics and design of a site. Imagine, would you rather walk along a row of plants or a row of cars? Below are the three different options that the city of Eastpointe allows for a screening device.

3-Foot Masonry Screening Wall



3-Foot Plant Screening Wall



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Additional Recommended Parking Lot Design Guidelines

The following document provides further recommended design guidelines for parking lots. Source: City of Berkley Downtown Development Design Guidelines.

E. Parking Lots

Site design considerations for parking include the location of surface lots, their visual impact and relationship to pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems. Surface parking lots should not be visually prominent features along Twelve Mile Road, Coolidge Highway or at gateway intersections within the boundary of the District at Greenfield Road and Eleven Mile Road.



Divide a large parking area into interconnected, small modules with landscape buffers.

2.24 Minimize the visual impact of surface parking.

- a. Locate a parking area to the interior of a site. This is especially important on a corner property where the street wall should have a sense of enclosure.
- b. Divide a large parking area into small “pods” that maintain the traditional sense of smaller parking areas within a green landscape.
- c. Soften the view of parked cars from a public sidewalk or street using a planted buffer of trees, shrubs and ground cover, or a low wall constructed from materials compatible with the site.
- d. Site a surface parking lot to be compatible with the surrounding context and street frontage.

2.25 Design a parking lot to allow convenient pedestrian access.

- a. Provide landscaped islands with paths to promote pedestrian circulation across larger parking areas.
- b. Avoid locating surface parking directly in front of primary pedestrian entries.



Locate a surface parking lot so it will minimize gaps in the continuous building wall of a commercial block.

2.26 If a surface parking area would be visible from a street, screen it from view. These methods are encouraged:

- Landscaping
- Site walls
- Decorative fencing
- Public art
- Other methods that meet the intent of this guideline



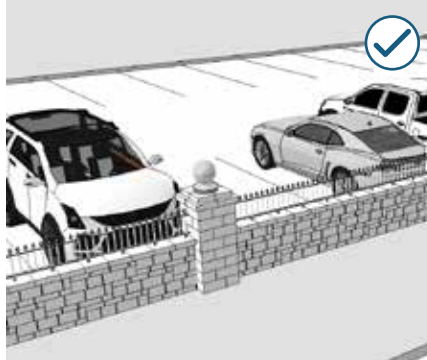
Surface Parking Screening Options

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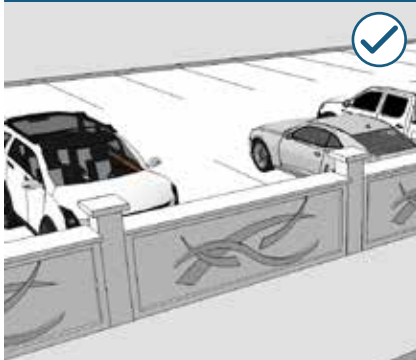
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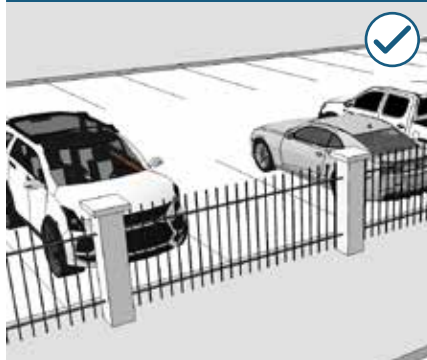
Site Wall



Public Art



Decorative Fencing



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Diagram 2-7 Surface Parking Screening Options