



# City of Vancouver *Planning By-law Administration Bulletins*

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# PERIMETER LANDSCAPING - RA-1 DISTRICT

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Landscaping along perimeter edges of streets and property lines should either be sufficiently low, or spaced far enough apart, to preserve vistas and a sense of transparency from the street and across site boundaries. Perimeter landscaping should not be used to create privacy screens, or a continuous visual barrier between the street and site. Tall, densely planted hedges or solid fencing for example, are not considered acceptable.

Perimeter landscaping should be environmentally self-sustainable, meaning little or no gardening maintenance necessary. A carefully manicured hedge or shaped ornamental trees for example, would be inappropriate. Selected shrubbery should have a relatively low mature height of approximately 4 ft.

Alternatively, a low lying fence, (e.g., 4 ft. or less) may be used alone or in conjunction with planting to define the property boundary. Perimeter fencing should be open to views across the site and rustic or semi-rural in character.

Perimeter planting that is, or evolves to be, inconsistent with the guidelines, should be removed over time through for example, conditional approvals.

## **Reference Documents**

### **Southlands Plan**

- 6.0 RA-1 District, Goals
- 6.1 Policy, Intent, Dwelling and Ancillary to Dwelling Uses

### **Southlands RA-1 Guidelines**

- 2.0 General Design Consideration
  - 2.2.1 Site Character
- 5.0 Open Space
- 6.0 Landscaping