Sec. 28-170. Landscaping.

(a) **Landscaping definition.** Landscaping shall be defined for the purpose of these requirements as plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, flowers, vines and other ground covers, natural land forms, water forms, planters, walks and plaza areas.

(b) **Site definition.** Site shall be defined for the purposes of these guidelines as any plot, tract or parcel of land or combination of contiguous lots, tracts, or parcels of land which is developed (or intended for development) according to an overall site plan. A "site" shall be exclusive of any land dedicated for public use through the platting process.

(c) **Compliance.**

(1) Any required landscaping shall be complete prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy, or within ninety (90) days of the date of the certificate of occupancy with approval of the building official and satisfactory financial assurance that the landscaping will be completed.

(2) Every site located between the structure and the highway right-of-way used for a parking area shall include a buffer strip, landscaped and curbed, being a minimum of five (5) feet in depth.

(3) All landscaping shall be installed so as to avoid hazards as outlined in the City of Denison's Code of Ordinances.

(4) An effort shall be made to preserve existing trees.

(Ord. No. 3287, § 2, 8-5-91)