

quick facts about the Greeley development code update

# PERIMETER LANDSCAPING

## OVERVIEW

Perimeter landscaping, buffering, and screening requirements are used to transition between land uses or to screen areas from roadways and adjacent properties. The City's current standards for perimeter landscaping, buffer yard, and screening often overlap. In order to provide clarification and to distinguish between the different types of requirements, the City is proposing to combine perimeter landscaping and buffer yard requirements.



## TIES TO GREELEY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN & COUNCIL'S 3-YEAR PRIORITIES

The Comprehensive Plan includes policies to ensure that design and construction positively contribute to the character of the community. Aesthetic considerations such as landscaping and screening are evaluated when reviewing proposals in order to minimize or reduce the visual impacts of more intense land uses or sites on surrounding properties.

## HOW THE UPDATED CODE ADDRESSES PERIMETER LANDSCAPING

The proposed changes would combine two overlapping regulations into one consolidated standard to simplify the code language.

**Chapter 8-** In the draft regulations, the perimeter landscaping and buffer yard standards would be combined. Since these similar requirements often overlap, the City is proposing to consolidate the eight different perimeter landscaping and buffer yard standards into one single standard – **perimeter landscaping**. By combining these standards, the requirements can be simplified and “right-sized” to address specific needs such as screening outdoor storage areas on a portion of a lot. Each of the new standards is consistent with the existing perimeter landscaping or buffer yard requirements. For specific, more impactful or intense uses, the live planting requirements have been slightly increased to reflect the need for greater separation and screening.

