

16-13-120 Buffers, Fences, And Walls. The intent in having special buffer, fence, and wall requirements is to provide quality separation between incompatible commercial uses, and to provide physical and visual protection between commercial and residential uses.

Landscape buffers are preferred over fences and walls where a separation is desirable. A visually open look should be encouraged between similar uses. Visual screening is often more important than a physical separation and the Planning Commission may, at its own option, require special treatment of such areas.

Buffer treatment may be required whenever a change occurs between residential and non-residential uses. Additional landscaping and screening may be required at the discretion of the Planning Commission within the setback which separates the uses. Fences or walls will be reviewed for their effectiveness in screening a view, and for their color and texture in relationship to building materials.

Where differing uses are to be developed adjacent to existing residential areas, special consideration shall be made to protect the privacy of residents and requirements shall be the discretion of the Planning Commission. As a minimum, the negative effects of noise and artificial lighting shall be minimized to protect existing residents.

Service areas shall be properly screened. Outdoor lighting shall be designed to prevent exposure of light source to the view of residents. Facilities that require late night customers and activities shall be located away from residential areas to reasonably prevent disruption of privacy.