

The Ventura City Fire Department requires residential landscape plan to be submitted for homes in the Fire Hazard Severity Zones of the City. The purpose of this plan is to demonstrate compliance with the City requirements for fire resistant landscape and defensible space. This document will be used as a plan review checklist.

I. The following verbatim notes are to be placed on the plans:

- a. All vegetation, native or otherwise, shall be maintained so as not to constitute a fire hazard or public nuisance, as per the City of Ventura Municipal Code Appendix O.
- b. Per CBC Chapter 7A requirements, an inspection for compliance with these landscaping defensible space requirements is required prior to building final. Once prepared for this inspection, and prior to building final and occupancy, contact the Ventura City Fire Department at (805) 658-4717.
- c. All non-fire resistive trees, including but not limited to conifers, palms, pepper trees, and eucalyptus species, shall be planted and maintained so that the tree's drip line at maturity is a minimum 30 feet from any combustible structure.
- d. All fire resistive tree species shall be planted and maintained at a minimum of 10 feet from the tree's drip line to any combustible structure. The horizontal distance between crowns of trees and crowns of adjacent trees or unmodified fuel shall not be less than 10 feet apart.
- e. Existing trees shall be pruned 10 feet away from roof, eave, chimney or siding, depending on the tree's physical or flammable characteristics and the building construction features.
- f. Single grouping of shrubs are limited to a 10-foot diameter grouping and are to be maintained at a reasonable distance from any other groupings. Groupings shall be spaced and maintained at a minimum of 30 feet from any structure when over 6 feet in height.
- g. CFC Section 4906 requires that "Hazardous vegetation and fuels be managed to reduce the severity of potential exterior wildfire exposure to buildings and to reduce the risk of fire spreading to buildings as required by applicable laws and regulations." This property's landscape must comply and be continuously maintained in accordance with applicable laws and regulations as included in CFC Sections 4906-4907 and Appendix O of the City of San Buenaventura Municipal Code.
- h. 0—5 Feet from Structure: Plants shall be very low growing (3 inches high maximum), high water content ground cover and few small shrubs (2 feet high maximum). No landscape mulch or wood chips. Use clear soil, rocks, gravel or concrete. No Trees. This is a recommended no planting zone.

The following checklist items will be utilized in the fire department landscape plan review:

II. Plants and Shrubs:

The following items are required to be included and/or noted on the plans:

1. Show delineation of 100' fuel modification zone. Clearly indicate dimensions on plan.
2. Show existing and proposed vegetation and irrigated areas.
3. Provide a tabulated plant legend with both botanical and common names, and identification of all plant material symbols. Included keyed identification as required on plan.
4. Proposed plant palettes and spacing are to confirm compliance with the City's requirements to provide a firebreak within 100' of structures.
5. Vines and climbing plants are not permitted on combustible structures.
6. Confirm with notes and dimensions that single grouping of shrubs are limited to a 10-foot diameter grouping and are maintained at a reasonable distance from any other groupings.
7. Confirm by notes and dimensions that plant & shrub groupings are spaced and to be maintained at a minimum of 30 feet from any structure when over 6 feet in height.
8. The proposed plant selections are to exclude plants identified in the referenced "Prohibited Plant List" attached to this checklist or found at <http://vcfd.org/images/FHRP/Prohibited-Plant-List-By-Hunt-Research-and-Dudek---July-2011.pdf>

III. Trees:

The following items are required to be included and/or noted on the plans:

1. Identify all non-fire resistive trees, including but not limited to conifers, palms, pepper trees, and eucalyptus species, and indicate by dimension that the tree's drip line at maturity is a minimum 30 feet from any combustible structure.
2. Identify all fire resistive tree species and indicate by dimension that the s tree's drip line is a minimum 10 feet from any combustible structure and that the horizontal distance between crowns of trees and crowns of adjacent trees or unmodified fuel are not be less than 10 feet apart.
3. The proposed tree selections are to exclude trees identified in the referenced "Prohibited Plant List" attached to this checklist or found at <http://vcfd.org/images/FHRP/Prohibited-Plant-List-By-Hunt-Research-and-Dudek---July-2011.pdf>

[Note: The location of existing trees will be considered when applying these requirements; exceptions may apply while still ensuring the intent of these codes to provide defensible space]