



**City of Safety Harbor
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Requirements for the Use of Crushed Shell

The City of Safety Harbor has no objection to replacing grass with crushed shell in front and side yards of a property. A City Right-of-Way Permit will be required if crushed shell is placed within the City Right-of-Way.

The following are mandatory conditions:

1. Crushed shell placed within the City Right-of-Way will require a Right-of-Way Permit submitted to the Engineering Department.
2. The proposed shell needs to be of high quality to allow percolation. Water must gradually filter through the voids. A detail and product specification shall be provided to City Engineering Department for review.
3. The material shall be washed and reasonable free of organic matter, clay and other substances not defined which may possess undesirable characteristics.
4. An impervious liner between the soil and shell is prohibited.
5. Shell shall not be placed higher than the adjacent curb, driveway, or sidewalk. These features will be needed as a border to prevent shell from migrating away from the property. Therefore, when the existing grass is removed it may be necessary to remove a proper amount of soil as well.
6. The City will make all attempts to preserve the shell in the event it has to be removed by the City for any purpose, including but not limited to activity in the street, sidewalk, drainage or utility areas. The City will not be responsible, for any reason, for replacing shell lost or destroyed during construction activities. The property owner shall be solely responsible for shell replacement.
7. CAUTION – The property owner shall be solely responsible for any shell that travels away from the property. The property owner shall reimburse the City all expenses incurred if the City must perform any cleanup as a result of the property owner's failure to maintain the shell.

8. All exterior property shall be maintained in accordance with the following minimum standards so as not to create a nuisance: City Code Section 5.26 – Care of Premises:

(2) Grading and drainage. All premises with the exception of approved retention areas and reservoirs shall be graded and maintained to prevent erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any structure located thereon.

(5) Yard maintenance. Improved lots or parcels shall be maintained free from weeds or unintended plant growth in excess of twelve (12) inches in height. Vacant lots or parcels that are adjacent to an improved property shall be maintained free from weeds or unintended plant growth in excess of twelve (12) inches in height a distance of seventy-five (75) feet from the property line adjoining the improved property and twenty-five (25) feet from the property line adjoining a public or private street. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and individual or community gardens.

9. The following City Codes shall be followed:

- A. Per City Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Article I, Section 20.05 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or encumber any sidewalk, right-of-way, within the City with boxes, barrels, packages, signs, building or other material or vehicles, except temporarily when receiving or taking away goods or merchandise from adjoining premises, and except when building or improving such property, and then only after obtaining permission from the City Engineer under such conditions as he may impose.
- B. Per City Code of Ordinances Chapter 23, Article II, Section 23.10 (c)(10) It shall be unlawful to stop, stand or park a vehicle on the side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge of curb or street, or what is commonly known as double parking.
- C. Per City Land Development Code, Article X, Section 150.00 (D) The Right-of-Way to be reserved shall be reserved for future purchase for roadway use, and shall be kept free and clear of all associated private development improvements unless authorized for use by the City; including, but not limited to, parking, landscaping, drainage, signage, and structures.
- D. Per City Land Development Code 54.06: Open spaces and preservation of native vegetation - (A) All open spaces and drainage areas shall be stabilized in order to prevent erosion, sand infiltration into the public drainage system, and to permit water to permeate into the ground.
- E. Per City Land Development Code 154.08: Maintenance and enforcement- (A) The property owner shall be solely responsible for the continued maintenance of all landscape areas in accordance with the approved plan so as to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance, and all landscaped areas are to be kept free from refuse and debris. For required landscape areas which die from lack of maintenance, disease or other natural occurrence, the City shall require re-landscaping. This shall be applicable to all required landscaping, whether installed under the terms of this Code or a previous ordinance. Failure to take such corrective action shall constitute a violation of this Code and may be enforced by any legal means available.

Please call the City of Safety Harbor Engineering Department if you have any questions or comments.