# DESIGN REVIEW-PUBLIC HEARING

# **INFORMATION**

City of Tukwila design review combines specific standards, design criteria and illustrative design guidelines to require that all developments reflect a high level of design quality. Tukwila has two design review processes, one for projects that require a public hearing before the Board of Architectural Review and one for smaller projects that are approved administratively by the DCD Director.

# This application packet is for Public Hearing Design Review.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Board of Architectural Review (BAR) approval is required for the following:

# A. New Development or Redevelopment beyond the Existing Exterior Walls

- 1. In all zones except TUC: All mobile/manufactured home parks and multi-family or hotel/motel buildings over 1,500 s.f.
- 2. Projects in a Commercial Redevelopment Area.
- 3. All commercial and industrial development in various zones, when over a certain size as follows:
  - MUO, O and RCM zoned buildings greater than 5,000 s.f. & all with multi-family units
  - In the Tukwila International Boulevard corridor RC zoned structures over 1,500 s.f., outside of the TIB corridor RC zoned structures over 5,000 s.f
  - In TUC-RC, TUC-TOD, TUC-P,TUC-CC, and TUC-WP zones: new non-residential structures greater than 25,000 s.f.; new residential or mixed use buildings with more than 50 dwelling units; and exterior expansions greater than 25,000 s.f. in size.
  - RCC zoned developments over 1,500 s.f.
  - C/LI and TVS zoned buildings greater than 10,000 s.f.

### B. Exterior Repair, Reconstruction, Cosmetic Alterations or Improvements

- 1. Any exterior repairs, alterations or improvements, if the cost of that work exceeds 25% of the building's assessed value:
  - in the MUO, O, RCC, NCC, RC, RCM, and C/LI districts, for sites with more than 10,000 g.s.f. of building area and
  - all sites in the Tukwila International Boulevard corridor zoned NCC, MUO or RC.
- 2. Developments with a previous BAR approved design may make minor changes with Department approval. All other changes require Board review.

# C. Proposed Development Standard Waivers

The BAR may reduce landscape and building setbacks for Projects in the Tukwila International Boulevard corridor, in the MUO, NCC, and RC zones.

**PROCEDURES:** At the time you submit your application you must have all of the items listed on the attached "Complete Application Checklist." You may request a waiver from items on the checklist that are not applicable to your project. Please discuss this waiver request with City staff either at a pre-application meeting or at the time of application submittal. Within 28 days of receiving your application, City staff will determine if it is complete based on the attached checklist. If not complete City staff will mail you a letter outlining what additional information is needed. If you do not submit requested materials within 90 days from the City's request for additional information the City may cancel your application.

Staff will review the application, meet with you as needed, and formulate a recommendation to the BAR. The BAR public hearing will be held after design issues are defined with staff and an environmental "Determination" has been issued. The BAR will approve, deny or conditionally approve a development based on the attached review criteria.

The Board's approval will expire unless construction begins within three years of Board action. Modifications to the approved design at the time of building permit may require additional review of the project.

# COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The materials listed below must be submitted with your application unless specifically waived in writing by the Public Works Department and the Department of Community Development. Please contact each Department if you feel that certain items are not applicable to your project and should be waived, or should be submitted at a later date for use at the public hearing (e.g. colored renderings). Application review will not begin until it is determined to be complete. **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS MAY BE REQUIRED.** 

The initial application materials allow project review to begin and vest the applicant's rights. However, the City may require additional information as needed to establish consistency with development standards.

City staff are available to answer questions about application materials at 206-431-3670 (Department of Community Development) and 206-433-0179 (Department of Public Works).

Check items submitted with application	Information Required. May be waived in unusual cases, upon approval of both Public Works and Planning					
APPLICATIO	ON MATERIALS:					
	1. Application Checklist (1 copy) indicating items submitted with application.					
	2. Completed Application Form and drawings (5 copies).					
	3. One set of all plans reduced to 8 1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17".					
	4. Application Fee: See <u>Land Use Fee Schedule</u> .					
	5. Completed and notarized Affidavit of Ownership and Hold Harmless Permission to Enter Property (1 copy attached).					
	6. SEPA Environmental Checklist if required (see SEPA Application Packet).					
PUBLIC NOT	TICE MATERIALS:					
	<ol> <li>Payment of notice board fee (see Land Use Fee Schedule) to FastSigns Tukwila OR provide a 4' x 4' public notice board on site within 14 days of the Department determining that a complete application has been received (see Public Notice Sign Specifications Handout).</li> <li>Pay the fee as established by the Land Use Fee Schedule for generating mailing labels; OR provide an excel spreadsheet of mailing labels for all property owners and tenants (residents and businesses) within 500 feet of the subject property. Each unit in multiple family buildings e.g. apartments, condos, trailer parks-must be included.</li> <li>Once your project is assigned to a planner, you will be required to provide an electronic copy of the mailing label spreadsheet in the following format: Name, Street Address, City St Zip, with each of these fields as an individual column:</li> </ol>					
	Name Street Address City, St, Zip Mr. Smith 1234 Park Ave S Tukwila WA 98188  PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of whether you pay the City to generate the mailing labels or you provide them, there is an additional fee for postage and material as listed under Public Notice Mailing Fee on the Land Use Fee Schedule. Payment of this fee is due prior to issuance of the decision and you will receive a separate bill for this fee.					
	9. <u>If providing own labels</u> , include King County Assessor's map(s) which shows the location of each property within 500 ft. of the subject lot.					

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PROJECT D	PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ANALYSIS:					
	10. Concurrency test notices for water, sewer, surface water and traffic unless the project is exempt from SEPA (see SEPA Application Packet).					
	11. Sewer and water availability letters are required from the provider district if additional plumbing fixtures are proposed and the area is not serviced by the City of Tukwila. Forms are available at the DCD office.					
	12. A written discussion of project consistency with decision criteria, see application. This is your opportunity to highlight the design features of your project.					
	13. Provide two copies of sensitive area studies such as wetland or geotechnical reports if needed per Tukwila's Sensitive Areas Ordinance (TMC 18.45). See <u>Geotechnical Report Guidelines</u> and <u>Sensitive Area Special Study Guidelines</u> for additional information.					
SURVEY:						
	14. (a) The survey must include a graphic scale and north arrow. It shall be drawn with black ink in record of survey format. <b>This shall be stamped by the surveyor.</b>					
	(b) An existing and proposed boundary and topographic survey (2 ft. contours including a minimum 20 ft. beyond the property line) with all structures, easements, encumbrances and right-of-way width. Vertical datum NAVD 1988 and horizontal datum NAD 83/91. Conversion calculations to NGVD 1929, if in a flood zone or flood-prone area.					
	(c) Existing and proposed building footprints.					
	<ul><li>(d) Fire access lanes and turn-arounds per Fire Department standards.</li><li>(e) Dash in required setback distances from all parcel lot lines.</li></ul>					
SITE PLAN:						
	15. (a) The site plan must include a graphic scale, north arrow and project name. Maximum size 24" x 36".					
	(b) Existing and proposed building footprints.					
	(c) Vicinity Map with site location, does not have to be to scale.					
	(d) Fire access lanes and turn-arounds per Fire Department standards.					
	(e) Parking lots with dimensioned stalls and drive aisles.					
	<ul><li>(f) Loading and service areas.</li><li>(g) Fences, rockeries and retaining walls with called out colors, height and materials.</li></ul>					
	(h) Street furniture such as benches and bike racks.					
	(i) Pedestrian connections between the building entrance(s) and the sidewalk/public street.					
	(j) In MDR and HDR zones provide a development coverage calculation (maximum 50%).					
LANDSCAPI						
	16. (a) Landscape planting plan that meets the standards at <b>TMC 18.52</b> by a Washington State licensed landscape architect; or if located in the TUC districts see <b>TMC 18.28</b> ). One set of all plans and analyses shall have an original Washington State registered Landscape Architect stamp and signature. Plans must include the type, quantity, spacing and location of all plantings. Maximum size 24" x 36".  (b) Show all existing trees to be retained and any tree protection measures required (for example fencing at drip line).					

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SENSITIVE A	AREAS PLAN:
	17. (a) Location of all sensitive areas (e.g. streams, wetlands, slopes over 15%, coal mine areas and important geological and archaeological sites). For stream frontage provide existing and proposed top of stream bank, stream bank toe, stream mean high water mark, and base flood elevation (i.e., 100 yr. flood). Maximum size 24" x 36".
	(b) Location of all required sensitive area buffers, setbacks tracts and protection measures.
	(c) Show all significant trees (4" or more in diameter measured 4.5 feet above grade), indicating those to be retained and those to be removed. A tree permit will be required for removal of any significant trees within a sensitive area or its buffer.
	(d) Existing and proposed building footprints.
CIVIL PLAN	S:
	18. (a) One set of all civil plans and analyses shall be stamped, signed and dated by a licensed professional engineer. Include a graphic scale and north arrow. Maximum size 24" x 36".
	(b) Vertical datum NAVD 1988 and horizontal datum NAD 83/91. Conversion calculations to NGVD 1929, if in a flood zone or flood-prone area. See <u>PERMIT CENTER</u> for further information.
	(c) Existing (dashed) and proposed (solid) topography at 2' intervals.
	(d) Total expected cut and fill.  (e) Existing and proposed utility easements and improvements, on site and in street (water, sewer, power, natural gas, telephone, cable). Schematic designs to be provided regardless of purveyor (e.g. site line size, location, and size of public main). No capacity calcs, invert depth, valve locations or the like are needed.
	(f) Storm drainage design at least 90% complete, which meets the King County Surface Water Design Manual (KCSWDM). Include a Technical Information Report (TIR) including feasibility analysis if required by the Manual. Call out total existing and proposed impervious surface in square feet. Include all storm drainage conveyance systems, water quality features, detention structures, maintenance access and safety features. For additional guidance contact Public Works or go to <a href="PERMIT CENTER">PERMIT CENTER</a> .
	(g) Locate the nearest existing hydrant and all proposed hydrants.
	(h) Show the 100 yr. flood plain boundary and elevation as shown on FEMA maps.
	(i) Plan, profile and cross-section for any right-of-way improvements.
	(j) Show planned access to buildings, driveways, fire access lanes and turn-arounds.
OTHER:	
	19. Dimensioned and scalable building elevations with keyed colors and materials. Show mechanical equipment and/or any proposed screening.
	20. Color and materials board accurately representing the proposed project.
	21. A rendering or photo montage showing the project in context is recommended. If submitted it must accurately show the project and be from a realistic perspective (5 to 6 feet above the sidewalk).
	22. Luminaire plan including location and type of street and site lighting. Include proposed fixture cut sheets, site light levels (foot-candles), and measures to shield adjacent properties from glare.
	23. All existing and proposed signage with sign designs and locations.



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# **DESIGN REVIEW - PUBLIC HEARING**

# **APPLICATION**

FOR STAFF USE ONLY Permits Plus Type: P-DR						
Planner:	File Number:					
Application Complete Date:	Project File Number:					
<b>Application Incomplete Date:</b>	Other File Numbers:					
* This application requires public notification.	. Please refer to section 8 of application checklist					
NAME OF PROJECT/DEVELOPMENT:_						
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:						
LOCATION OF PROJECT/DEVELOPMEN subdivision, access street, and nearest intersection.	NT: Give street address or, if vacant, indicate lot(s), block and					
LIST ALL TAX LOT NUMBERS (this information may be	be found on your tax statement).					
<ul> <li>DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:</li> <li>The individual who:</li> <li>has decision making authority on behalf of the owner of the standards, and</li> <li>is the primary contact with the City to whom all the contact of the contact with the city to whom all the city the</li></ul>	ng all relevant and sometimes overlapping development					
Name:						
Address:						
Phone:	FAX:					
E-mail:						
Signature:	Date:					



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# AFFIDAVIT OF OWNERSHIP AND HOLD HARMLESS PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### COUNTY OF KING

3.

The undersigned being duly sworn and upon oath states as follows:

I am the current owner of the property which is the subject of this application.

The application is being submitted with my knowledge and consent.

- 2. All statements contained in the applications have been prepared by me or my agents and are true and correct to the best of my
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- 4. Owner grants the City, its employees, agents, engineers, contractors or other representatives the right to enter upon Owner's real property, located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of application review, for the limited time necessary to complete that purpose.
- 5. Owner agrees to hold the City harmless for any loss or damage to persons or property occurring on the private property during the City's entry upon the property, unless the loss or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the City.
- 6. Non-responsiveness to a City information request for ninety (90) or more days, shall be cause to cancel the application(s) without refund of fees.

EXECUTED at	_ (city), _	(state), on	, 20			
	_	(Print Name)				
	- -	(Address)				
		(Phone Number)				
	-	(Signature)				
On this day personally appeared before meto me known to be the individual who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that <a href="he/she">he/she</a> signed the same as <a href="his/her">his/her</a> voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes mentioned therein.						
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE M	ME ON TH	IIS DAY OF	, 20			
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Washington residing at						

# **DESIGN REVIEW CRITERIA**

The specific design criteria used to evaluate each project differs based on the type of project and its location. Please discuss project consistency with the applicable set of design criteria. The applicant bears responsibility for demonstrating that the proposed development plans satisfy all of the review criteria.

The four sets of Board of Architectural Review (BAR) criteria and references to illustrate implementing design guidelines are presented below. Please consult with Planning Division staff to clarify which set of criteria should be used. Comprehensive Plan policies provide additional illustrative design guidance. The complete Comprehensive Plan policies are provided in the Tukwila Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Written responses to all criteria are required for a complete application.

# CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE TUKWILA URBAN CENTER (TUC) DISTRICTS (TM C 18.28.030.D).

- 1. Applies to all developments in the Regional Center (TUC-RC), Transit Oriented Development Neighborhood (TUC-TOD), Pond (TUC-P), or Commercial Corridor (TUC-CC) Districts, and development containing residential uses in the Workplace (TUC-WP) District: The applicable regulations in TMC 18.28 and the Southcenter Design Manual.
- 2. **Applies to non-residential Development in the Workplace (TUC-WP) District:** The applicable regulations in TMC 18.28 and the design criteria in TMC 18.60.050.

**CRITERIA FOR COMMERCIAL AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS (TMC 18.60.050(A)).** Applies to all projects requiring design review <u>except</u>: multifamily, hotel and motel developments and developments in the Tukwila International Boulevard corridor (**see TMC 18.60.060(C)**) and development in Tukwila Urban Center (**See TMC 18.28** and Southcenter Design Manual). Projects located within 200' of Green/Duwamish River must meet additional criteria in the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application.

# 1. Relationship of Structure to Site

- a. The site should be planned to accomplish a desirable transition with the streetscape and to provide for adequate landscaping and pedestrian movement.
- b. Parking and service areas should be located, designed and screened to moderate the visual impact of large paved areas.
- c. The height and scale of each building should be considered in relation to its site.

# 2. Relationship of Structure and Site to Adjoining Area

- a. Harmony in texture, line and masses is encouraged.
- b. Appropriate landscape transition to adjoining properties should be provided.
- c. Public buildings and structures should be consistent with the established neighborhood character.
- d. Compatibility of vehicular and pedestrian circulation patterns and loading facilities in terms of safety, efficiency and convenience should be encouraged.
- e. Compatibility of on-site vehicular circulation with street circulation should be encouraged.

#### 3. Landscape and Site Treatment

- a. Where existing topographic patterns contribute to beauty and utility of a development, they should be recognized, preserved and enhanced.
- b. Grades of walks, parking spaces, terraces and other paved areas should promote safety and provide an inviting and stable appearance.
- c. Landscape treatment should enhance architectural features, strengthen vistas and important axis, and provide shade.
- d. In locations where plants will be susceptible to injury by pedestrian or motor traffic, mitigating steps should be taken
- e. Where building sites limit planting, the placement of trees or shrubs in paved areas is encouraged.
- f. Screening of service yards and other places, which tend to be unsightly should be accomplished by the use of walls, fencing, planting or combinations of these. Screening should be effective in winter and summer.

- g. In areas where general planting will not prosper, other materials such as fences, walls, and paving of wood, brick, stone or gravel may be used.
- h. Exterior lighting, when used, should enhance the building design and the adjoining landscape. Lighting standards and fixtures should be of a design and size compatible with the building and adjacent area. Lighting should be shielded, and restrained in design. Excessive brightness and brilliant colors should be avoided.

# 4. Building Design

- a. Architectural style is not restricted, evaluation of a project should be based on quality of design and relationship to surroundings.
- b. Buildings should be to appropriate scale and be in harmony with permanent neighboring developments.
- c. Building components, such as windows, doors, eaves, and parapets, should have good proportions and relationship to one another. Building components and ancillary parts shall be consistent with anticipated life of the structure.
- d. Colors should be harmonious, with bright or brilliant colors used only for accent.
- e. Mechanical equipment or other utility hardware on roof, ground or buildings should be screened from view.
- f. Exterior lighting should be part of the architectural concept. Fixtures, standards and all exposed accessories should be harmonious with building design.
- g. Monotony of design in single or multiple building projects should be avoided. Variety of detail, form and fitting should be used to provide visual interest.

#### 5. Miscellaneous Structures and Street Furniture

- a. Miscellaneous structures and street furniture should be designed to be part of the architectural concept of design and landscape. Materials should be compatible with buildings, scale should be appropriate, colors should be in harmony with buildings and surroundings, and proportions should be to scale.
- b. Lighting in connection with miscellaneous structures and street furniture should meet the guidelines applicable to site, landscape and buildings.

Consistency with adopted plans and regulations (TMC 18.100.030)

6. Demonstrate the manner in which the proposal is consistent with, carries out and helps implement applicable state laws and the regulations, policies, objectives and goals of the City of Tukwila Comprehensive Plan, the City of Tukwila's Development Regulations and other official laws, policies and objectives of the City of Tukwila.

**CRITERIA FOR MULTI-FAMILY, HOTEL AND MOTEL DEVELOPMENTS (TMC 18.60.050(B)):** Applies to all multi-family, hotel and motel projects <u>except</u> for projects in the Tukwila International Boulevard corridor (see **TMC 18.60.060(C)**) and projects in Tukwila Urban Center (See TMC 18.28 and Southcenter Design Manual).

# 1. Site Planning

- a. Building siting, architecture, and landscaping shall be integrated into and blend harmoniously with the neighborhood building scale, natural environment, and development characteristics as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan. For instance, a multi-family development's design need not be harmoniously integrated with adjacent single family structures if that existing single family use is designated as "Commercial" or "High Density Residential" in the Comprehensive Plan. However, a "Low Density Residential" (detached single family) designation would require such harmonious design integration.
- b. Natural features which contribute to desirable neighborhood character shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. Natural features include, but are not limited to, existing significant trees and stands of trees, wetlands, streams, and significant topographic features.
- c. The site plan shall use landscaping and building shapes to form an aesthetically pleasing and pedestrian scale streetscape. This shall include, but not be limited to facilitating pedestrian travel along the street, using architecture and landscaping to provide a desirable transition from streetscape to the building, and providing an integrated linkage from pedestrian and vehicular facilities to building entries.
- d. Pedestrian and vehicular entries shall provide a high quality visual focus using building siting, shapes, and landscaping. Such a feature establishes a physical transition between the project and public areas, and establishes the initial sense of high quality development.
- e. Vehicular circulation design shall minimize driveway intersections with the street.

- f. Site perimeter design (i.e. landscaping, structures, and horizontal width) shall be coordinated with site development to ensure a harmonious transition between adjacent projects.
- g. Varying degrees of privacy for the individual residents shall be provided; increasing from the public right-of-way, to common areas, to individual residences. This can be accomplished through the use of symbolic and actual physical barriers to define the degrees of privacy appropriate to specific site area functions.
- h. Parking and service areas shall be located, designed, and screened to interrupt and reduce the visual impact of large paved areas.
- i. The height, bulk, footprint, and scale of each building shall be in harmony with its site and adjacent long-term structures.

# 2. Building Design

- a. Architectural style is not restricted, evaluation of a project shall be based on the quality of its design and its ability to harmonize building texture, shape, lines and mass with the surrounding neighborhood.
- b. Buildings shall be of appropriate height, scale, and design/shape to be in harmony with those existing permanent neighboring developments which are consistent with, or envisioned in, the Comprehensive Plan. This will be especially important for perimeter structures. Adjacent structures which are not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan should be considered to be transitional. The degree of architectural harmony required should be consistent with the non-conforming structure's anticipated permanence.
- c. Building components, such as windows, doors, eaves, parapets, stairs and decks shall be integrated into the overall building design. Particular emphasis shall be given to harmonious proportions of these components with those of adjacent developments. Building components and ancillary parts shall be consistent with the anticipated life of the structure.
- d. The overall color scheme shall work to reduce building prominence and shall blend in with the natural environment.
- e. Monotony of design in single or multiple building projects shall be avoided. Variety of detail, form, and siting shall be used to provide visual interest. Otherwise monotonous flat walls and uniform vertical planes of individual buildings shall be broken up with building modulation, stairs, decks, railings, and focal entries. Multiple building developments shall use siting and additional architectural variety to avoid inappropriate repetition of building designs and appearance to surrounding properties.

### 3. Landscape and Site Treatment

- a. Existing natural topographic patterns and significant vegetation shall be reflected in project design when they contribute to the natural beauty of the area or are important to defining neighborhood identity or a sense of place.
- b. Landscape treatment shall enhance existing natural and architectural features, help separate public from private spaces, strengthen vistas and important views, provide shade to moderate the affects of large paved areas, and break up visual mass.
- c. Walkways, parking spaces, terraces, and other paved areas shall promote safety and provide an inviting and stable appearance. Direct pedestrian linkages to the public street, to on-site recreation areas, and to adjacent public recreation areas shall be provided.
- d. Appropriate landscape transition to adjoining properties shall be provided.

### 4. Miscellaneous Structures

- a. Miscellaneous structures shall be designed as an integral part of the architectural concept and landscape. Materials shall be compatible with buildings, scale shall be appropriate, colors shall be in harmony with buildings and surroundings, and structure proportions shall be to scale.
- b. Screening of service yards, and other places which tend to be unsightly, shall be accomplished by the use of walls, fencing, planting, berms, or combinations of these. Screening shall be effective in winter and summer.
- c. Mechanical equipment or other utility hardware on roof, ground or buildings shall be screened from view. Screening shall be designed as an integral part of the architecture (i.e., raised parapets and fully enclosed under roof) and landscaping.
- d. Exterior lighting standards and fixtures shall be of a design and size consistent with safety, building architecture and adjacent area. Lighting shall be shielded, and restrained in design with no off-site glare spill over. Excessive brightness and brilliant colors shall not be used unless clearly demonstrated to be integral to building architecture.

# Consistency with adopted plans and regulations (TMC 18.100.030)

5. Demonstrate the manner in which the proposal is consistent with, carries out and helps implement applicable state laws and regulations and the regulations, policies, objectives and goals of the City of Tukwila Comprehensive Plan, the City of Tukwila's Development Regulations and other official laws, policies and objectives of the City of Tukwila.

CRITERIA FOR BAR REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TUKWILA INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD CORRIDOR (TMC 18.60.030 and 18.60.060(C)). Applies to all developments in the Tukwila International Boulevard Corridor.

# 1. Site Design

# a. Site Design Concept

• Organize site design elements to provide an orderly and easily understood arrangement of building, landscaping, and circulation elements that support the functions of the site.

# b. Relationship to Street Front

- Organize site design elements to create a distinct street edge, and minimize parking between structures and street
- Orient at least one building entry to a major public street.

# c. Street Corners

• Emphasize the importance of street corners through building location, the provision of pedestrian access, special site features and/or landscape features.

# d. Continuity of Site with Adjacent Sites

• Maintain visual and functional continuity between the proposed development and adjacent and neighboring properties through setbacks, building massing, circulation and landscaping, where appropriate.

### e. Shared Facilities

• Incorporate opportunities for joint development of sites where there is potential for common building walls, shared driveways, landscaping, or other shared facilities.

# f. Site Design for Safety

- Minimize conflicts between drivers and pedestrians through the siting of structures, location of circulation elements, landscape design, and placement of signs.
- Design and site structures to maximize site surveillance opportunities from buildings and public streets.
- Provide adequate lighting levels in all pedestrian areas, including building entries, along walkways, parking areas, and other public areas.
- Design landscaping so that long term growth will not interfere with site lighting and surveillance.
- Use durable, high quality materials in site furnishings and features for ease of maintenance.

# g. Siting and Screening of Service Areas

• Minimize the visual and aural impacts of service areas such as loading docks, trash and recycling collection points, utility maintenance areas, etc., through site design, landscaping and screening.

# h. Natural Features and Sensitive Areas

- Preserve natural features such as existing topography, significant trees or wooded areas, wetlands and/or watercourses and incorporate them into the overall site, where appropriate.
- Design and site structures on hillsides to minimize the visual and environmental impact of development in these locations.
- Employ site design techniques that take advantage of and/or enhance visual focal points along the corridor, where feasible.

### i. Surface Stormwater Detention Facilities

• Integrate water quality treatment techniques such as bio filtration swales and ponds with overall site design, where possible and appropriate.

# j Pedestrian Circulation

- Provide paved pedestrian walkways that connect all buildings and entries of buildings within a site.
- Provide a paved pedestrian walkway from the public sidewalk(s) to the main entry of developments; where a development fronts two streets, access must be provided from both streets.
- Provide pedestrian connections from the on-site pedestrian network to walkways on adjacent properties and to other off-site destinations, where feasible.
- Support pedestrian movement between properties and from private property to public rights-of-way by providing facilities that traverse natural or man-made barriers, where appropriate.
- Provide direct pedestrian walkways from businesses in commercial areas to transit stops, and/or provide additional transit amenities, where appropriate and feasible.

# k. Pedestrian Amenities

• Incorporate pedestrian amenities in site design to increase the utility of the site and enhance the overall pedestrian environment in the corridor, where possible.

# 1. Vehicular Circulation

- Minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Minimize the amount of space devoted to vehicular circulation by limiting access driveways; ensuring that internal site circulation is efficient; and/or taking advantage of opportunities for shared driveways.

# m. Parking

• Minimize the amount of space devoted to parking by taking advantage of shared parking and/or methods for reducing parking demand, where possible.

# 2. Building Design

# a. Architectural Concepts

- Develop an architectural concept for structure(s) on the site that conveys a cohesive and consistent thematic or stylistic statement, and is responsive to the functional characteristics of the development.
- Ensure that development on sites with more than one structure employ similar or complementary architectural styles and/or are related in scale, form, color, and use of materials and/or detailing.

# b. Architectural Relationships

- Provide for visual and functional continuity between the proposed development and adjacent and neighboring structures when these structures demonstrate an appropriate level of architectural quality.
- Reduce the apparent scale of large commercial buildings located in the Neighborhood Commercial Center district and located adjacent to residential districts.

# c. Building Elements, Details, and Materials

- Provide distinctive building corners at street intersections through the use of special architectural elements and detailing, and pedestrian-oriented features where possible (see definition of pedestrian friendly facade).
- Relate the design and scale of building elements and details to the building's overall form and massing.
- Employ architectural details that are appropriate to the architectural character of the building.
- Utilize durable, high quality building materials that contribute to the overall appearance, ease of maintenance, and longevity of the building.
- Integrate the design and placement of exterior lighting with the architectural design and materials.

# d. Pedestrian-Oriented Features

- Provide pedestrian-friendly facades (see Definitions) on the ground floor of all buildings that face public streets and entry facades that face parking areas.
- Provide special treatment for large blank walls (see Definitions) that are visible from pedestrian walkways and parking areas.
- Enhance building entries through the use of weather protection, landscaping, pedestrian amenities and/or distinctive architectural features.

# e. Mechanical Equipment

- Locate and/or screen roof-mounted mechanical equipment to minimize visibility from public streets, building approaches, and adjacent properties.
- Locate and/or screen utility meters and other ground level utility equipment to minimize visibility from the street.

# 3. Landscape Design

# a. Landscape Design

- Develop a landscape design concept that demonstrates a clear and appropriate aesthetic statement.
- Develop a landscape design concept that reinforces site design and fulfills the functional requirements of the development, including screening and buffering.
- Ensure that the landscape design reinforces and complements plantings in the public right-of-way.

# b. Planting Design

- Select plant materials that reinforce the landscape design concept, and are appropriate to their location in terms of hardiness, maintenance needs, and growth characteristics.
- Incorporate existing significant trees, wooded areas, and/or vegetation in the planting plan where they contribute to overall landscape design.

# 4. Signs

# a. Signage Concept

• Provide signage that is integrated with the architectural concept in scale, detailing, use of color, materials, and placement.

# b. Sign Placement

- Provide signage that is oriented to both pedestrians and motorists in design and placement.
- Provide adequate directional signage on site and building identification numbers that are legible from the street(s).
- Integrate freestanding signs with the landscaping.

# c. Sign Design

- Consider both day- and night-time viewing in the design, placement, and lighting of signage.
- Provide durable, high quality materials and finishes for signage.

Consistency with Adopted Plans and Regulations (TMC 18.100.030)

5. Demonstrate the manner in which the proposal is consistent with, carries out and helps implement applicable state laws and regulations and the regulations, policies, objectives and goals of the City of Tukwila's Comprehensive Plan, the City of Tukwila's Development Regulations and other official laws, policies and objectives of the City of Tukwila.

# **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN POLICIES RELATED TO DESIGN REVIEW**

The Tukwila Comprehensive Plan contains policies regarding the design of certain types of development in particular zones or areas. These policies further articulate the design review criteria in TMC 18. Refer to adopted Comprehensive Plan Policies at <a href="http://www.tukwilawa.gov/dcd/dcdcompplan.html">http://www.tukwilawa.gov/dcd/dcdcompplan.html</a>.