

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 35-25**

**AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING SECTION 44-1964,  
GREEN BAY MUNICIPAL CODE,  
RELATING TO LANDSCAPING**

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 44-1964, Green Bay Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read:

**Sec. 44-1964. Perimeter landscape buffers.**

Buffers shall be used to provide visual and noise separation between uses, and to improve water quality and stormwater runoff management. Buffer landscaping shall be provided as follows:

- (1) For non-residential or multifamily **(five or more units)** uses when adjacent to residentially zoned property or property used for residential purposes, buffers shall be at least 20 feet wide. **If the non-residential or multifamily use (five or more units) is located adjacent to residentially zoned property or property used for residential purposes and is both an in-fill property (as defined in Article III-Definitions) and the parcel is located in a mixed use zoned district, thence buffers shall be 8 feet wide.** In the following situations, the buffer yard shall be at least 25 feet wide:
  - a. Buffers for non-residential or multifamily buildings **(five or more units)** of ~~two~~ **three** or more stories when adjacent to residentially zoned property or property used for residential purposes.
  - b. Buffers for non-residential or multi-family buildings of 25,000 square feet of floor area or more when adjacent to residentially zoned property or property used for residential purposes.
  - c. Buffers along loading docks, service areas, or outdoor mechanical systems when adjacent to residentially zoned property or property used for residential purposes.
- (2) *Buffer design.*
  - a. Buffer areas shall consist of either a masonry wall, fence, berm, plantings, or a combination thereof that forms a screen a minimum of four feet in height and not less than 90 percent opaque on a year-round basis. Screening located along front and corner side yards is limited to four feet in height and not less than 90 percent opaque on a year-round basis and shall effectually block automobile headlights from trespass on roads or adjacent property.
  - b. Buffers shall be landscaped with at least one tree and five shrubs for every 50 linear feet. Soil volumes and depths associated per tree type (small, medium or large) shall be determined by the Director of Community Development or their designee, in consultation with the City Forester, but shall not be greater than 1,200 cubic feet of volume or three feet of depth.
  - c. Buffers may be interrupted for necessary pedestrian and vehicle access.
  - d. Buffer designs included in an approved stormwater management plan under Chapter 16 of this Code shall be constructed in accordance with said plan. Any combination of fencing and plantings may be used, provided the degree of opacity and screening required in this section is achieved.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its passage and publication.

Dated at Green Bay, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

APPROVED:

Eric Genrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Celestine Jeffreys, Clerk

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12/2/2025