

17-5.3 **Surfacing.** Parking and loading areas shall be surfaced with concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt, pavers, or other dust-free surface; provided, however, that porous pavement parking spaces may be substituted for standard dust free pavements subject to the approval of the Director of Engineering according to standards that may be adopted by the Director of Engineering. The Director may approve a gravel parking lot if (i) the lot is to be used for the storage of vehicles or heavy equipment; or (ii) all or a portion of the lot will provide parking for agritourism (Section 15-4.1) and/or special event (Section 15-3.2) uses and the board of commissioners authorizes a gravel parking lot for such use. In the event only a portion of a lot would be used for agritourism or special event uses, gravel shall only be authorized for those portions that are used for agritourism or special event use. For purposes of 17-5.3(ii), all required accessible parking spaces shall be surfaced and shall comply with all requirements of the State of Georgia, including, but not limited to location, dimensions, and identification of accessible spaces.

17-5.4 **Striping.** All parking and loading spaces must be striped with paint lines, lined with curbstones, or otherwise permanently marked to designate the space.

17-5.5 **Lighting.** Adequate lighting shall be provided if the facilities are to be used at night or if necessary for security purposes. See Chapter 16 for lighting requirements.

17-5.6 **Signs.** Signs essential to the proper functioning of the parking lot and loading areas shall be installed. Such signs shall not be illuminated, shall not exceed four feet in area, or nine feet in height.

17-5.7 **Landscaping.** For all parking lots, a ten (10) feet wide strip of land along the entire front perimeter of the site, located between the front property line and any vehicular use area, shall be landscaped. Any appropriately located landscaped or buffered areas, required by this Code, or other codes, can be counted toward this requirement,

- (A) Any parking area exceeding twenty (25) spaces shall provide a minimum of twelve and one half percent (12.5%) of the total parking area as landscaped islands. Landscape strips along the perimeter of a parking area shall not count toward meeting this requirement.
- (B) Each landscape area shall contain turf grasses, shrubs, trees, or other landscape material in any combination, but must consist of at least three plant types. Interior planting areas shall be located to most effectively relieve the monotony of large expanses of paving and contribute to orderly circulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. In order to achieve these objectives, trees shall be provided adjacent to and within the interior portion of parking areas in a ratio of one (1) tree for every ten (10) parking spaces. In addition, every parking space shall be within fifty (50) feet of the trunk of a tree.
- (C) Landscape strips for parking lots along the right-of-way of any road classified as a Minor Arterial or greater shall feature a three (3) foot high evergreen hedge and/or a three (3) foot high vegetated berm. Applicants may opt to provide an additional five (5) feet to the landscape strip [for a total of fifteen (15) feet] in lieu of the aforementioned features.

ARTICLE VI, SPECIAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

17-6.1 **Accessible Parking Spaces.**

- (A) **Number Required.** The required number of accessible parking spaces shall be as provided in Table 17.2 below. Accessible parking spaces shall be included in the total number of required spaces and not in addition to the minimum parking requirements. Accessible parking spaces shall comply with all

Total Required Parking Spaces	Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000