Department of Community and Economic Development
Planning Division
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY/CODE INTERPRETATION

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MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS: RMC 4-11-080, Definitions H

REFERENCE: N/A

SUBJECT: Definition of a Hedge

BACKGROUND: RMC 4-4-040 provides regulations for fences, hedges, and retaining walls; however, while both “fence” and “retaining wall” are defined in the code, “hedge” is not defined, which creates conflict when city staff apply height regulations.

JUSTIFICATION: RMC 4-11-080 should be amended to include a definition of hedge, so that city staff can more consistently apply hedge height regulations.

DECISION: Amend RMC 4-11-080, Definitions H, as specified below.

ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL: ____________________________

C. E. “Chip” Vincent

EFFECTIVE DATE: ____________________________

APPEAL PROCESS: To appeal this determination, a written appeal--accompanied by the required filing fee--must be filed with the City's Hearing Examiner (1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057, 425-430-6515) no more than 14 days from the date of this decision. Your submittal should explain the basis for the appeal. Section 4-8-110 of the Renton Municipal Code provides further information on the appeal process.
CODE AMENDMENTS
NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT DETERMINATIONS: CHAPTER 11 DEFINITIONS

**HEDGE:** A boundary or barrier of closely planted shrubs or trees that enclose, divide, or protect an area, or that prevent a person from passing between any combination of individual shrubs or trees.

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