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The purposes of this chapter are to reduce the impact of structures on neighborhoods and to provide for the maintenance of the individual privacy of homes in a neighborhood to a reasonable degree by requiring landscape screening where appropriate.

Yes or No	Is there any new construction 18' above grade
Yes or No	Any new accessory structure or addition that is 6' above grade and less than 25' from property line?
Yes or No	Is there new construction or addition 10' above grade and less than 35' from the property line?
Yes or No	Is there new construction on the main residence that includes an architectural projection (tower, etc) per Section 17.42.040 of the AMC?

**If you answered yes to any of the above for new construction a Landscape Screening permit is required in compliance with Chapter 17.42 "Landscape Screening" of the Atherton Municipal Code (AMC).**

See Atherton Municipal Code Chapter 17.50 for Landscape Screening at <http://www.codepublishing.com/CA/atherton.html>

**When required, landscape screening is required at all front, side and rear yards** to reduce the visual impact of structures, and provide privacy to surrounding residents. Front yards contiguous to a street shall not require landscape screening

For Hillside Lots - All trees must be in a minimum 36" box container. Larger trees may be required by the Building Official or Town Arborist.

For Non-Hillside Lots - All trees must be in a minimum 24" box container. Larger trees may be required by the Building Official or Town Arborist.

Proposed Landscape Screening must be installed so that the structure will be adequately screened within 5 years of the date of installation by the planted trees.

Please include the following with your application:

1. Completed Building Permit Application
2. Three copies of the site plan showing all the required Landscape Screening
3. Average Cross Slope as defined by Section 16.24.050 of the AMC and statement as to whether or not the property is a hillside lot as defined by Chapter 17.52 of the AMC.
4. If property is a hillside lot, elevation drawings of each building/structure, including second story windows facing towards neighboring properties are be required to be included in the submittal
5. If main residence includes an approved architectural projection per Section 17.42.040 of the AMC, such architectural projection shall be clearly denoted on the site plan.



