

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT POLICY/ORDINANCE
INTERPRETATION**

Interpretation No.: PKNG – CURBS (Cars overhanging curbs to reduce required paved area)
Effective Date: 2/22/08
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Question:

Are cars allowed to overhang a curb, thereby reducing the required paved parking space area?

**Applicable Ordinance Section(s)
And/or General Plan/LUP Policy(ies)**
13.10.554(a)1

INTERPRETATION:

Cars may overhang a curb, only in discretionary uses subject to the requirements of Chapter 13.11 (Design Review), according to all of the following circumstances and criteria:

1. Parking spaces may encroach a maximum of 2 feet into required landscaped strips if a wheel stop and curb are installed in the parking space next to the overhang area and the encroached 2-foot area is landscaped with low-growing vegetation.
2. The encroachment is allowed only if the required number of parking spaces also would have been met on-site without the encroachment.
3. The encroachment may be used only to decrease the paved area of parking spaces, not to otherwise increase their number or result in a larger structure being allowed than would have been permitted without the encroachment.
4. Compact spaces may not overhang a curb, thus further reducing their size or dimension.

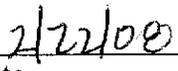
Reason:

There are circumstances, such as narrow commercial parcels, where it is difficult to meet the parking and landscaping requirements. In these situations, creative site design—such as overhanging a curb—may be needed to allow a well-planned development.

Allowing a car to overhang into a landscaped area results in a reduction of impervious surface and provides additional landscaped area thus serving as an additional tool in green site design.



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