GUIDELINES FOR PARKING LOTS

NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL
Anything related to public infrastructure is exempt, except as noted in “Subject to Review and Approval.” Examples of exemptions include:
- Resurfacing an existing parking lot (with any material).
- Curb and/or edging materials.

SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL
- Creation of new parking lots.
- Expansion of existing parking lots.
- Fencing around parking lots.

GUIDELINES
The following guidelines relate to the above actions. They are enforceable by the IHPC for the above actions that are “Subject to Review and Approval.” These guidelines may be less comprehensive and less restrictive than for an Historic District.

RECOMMENDED:
1. Parking lots should be a hard surfaced material, such as asphalt, concrete, brick, and paver blocks.

2. Parking surfaces should be edged with concrete, stone, or brick curbing.

3. Orderly and efficient layout of parking spaces to minimize congestion and overcrowding, including pavement markings with durable paint indicating parking spaces and flow of traffic.

4. Locating curb cuts as far from street intersections as possible.

5. Use of existing alleys for entrances and exits whenever possible.

6. Lights installed adjacent to residential properties should be low and shielded to reduce glare.

7. Electrical lines to light fixtures, automatic gates, and attendant booths should be buried below grade.

8. Deciduous shade trees should be planted on the interior of the lot as well as on the edges.
9. A ten-foot buffer with 100% of the linear distance screened between a parking area, a primary street, residential uses, and sidewalks, using trees and/or architectural screen wall or fence and/or a plant material screen.

10. Replacement during the next planting season of any planting that is required in a Certificate of Appropriateness and that has died or has been removed.

**NOT RECOMMENDED:**
1. New curb cuts whenever existing curb cuts or alley access is available.

2. Residential or suburban fencing styles, including chain link, for installation around a parking lot (see also Guidelines for Site Development).

3. Excessive widths for new driveways.

4. Overhead electrical lines to light fixtures, automatic gates, and attendant booths.