

Pleasanton Municipal Code**Up Previous Next Main Search Print No Frames**[Title 18 ZONING](#)[Chapter 18.20 DESIGN REVIEW](#)**18.20.030 Scope of review—Criteria.**

A. The planning commission or zoning administrator shall review site plans, landscape plans, building architecture and such other plans and reports (grading plans, EIR/negative declarations, etc.) as may be required to preserve and enhance the city's aesthetic values and ensure the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare. The planning commission and zoning administrator review of project plans shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Preservation of the natural beauty of the city and the project site's relationship to it;
2. Appropriate relationship of the proposed building to its site, including transition with streetscape, public views of the buildings, and scale of buildings within its site and adjoining buildings;
3. Appropriate relationship of the proposed building and its site to adjoining areas, including compatibility of architectural styles, harmony in adjoining buildings, attractive landscape transitions, and consistency with neighborhood character;
4. Preservation of views enjoyed by residents, workers within the city, and passersby through the community;
5. Landscaping designed to enhance architectural features, strengthen vistas, provide shade, and conform to established streetscape;
6. Relationship of exterior lighting to its surroundings and to the building and adjoining landscape;
7. Architectural style, as a function of its quality of design and relationship to its surroundings; the relationship of building components to one another/the building's colors and materials; and the design attention given to mechanical equipment or other utility hardware on roof, ground or buildings;
8. Integration of signs as part of the architectural concept; and
9. Architectural concept of miscellaneous structures, street furniture, public art in relationship to the site and landscape. (Ord. 1612 § 2, 1993; Ord. 1591 § 2, 1993)