



Land Development Code Departures

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15.210.060 Departures.

- A. **Overview and purpose.** The LDC provides for a number of specific departure opportunities to development standards. The purpose is to provide applicants with the option of proposing alternative design treatments provided such departures meet the "purpose" of the particular standard and any additional departure criteria set forth for the particular departure opportunity.
- B. **Departures are voluntary.** This provision allows the flexibility for applicants to propose alternative designs on a voluntary basis, provided they meet the purpose of the standard and applicable departure criteria as noted above.
- C. **Applicability.** Departure opportunities are available only to specific standards that allow for departures. Articles 4 and 5 include one or more standards that allow for departure opportunities.
- D. **Procedures.** Permit applications that include departure requests go through the standard review procedures set forth in ECC 15.210.050 depending on the application Type.
- E. **Approval Criteria.** Project applicants must successfully demonstrate to the decision maker how the proposed departure meets the purpose(s) of the standard and other applicable departure criteria that applies to the specific standard.
- F. **Documentation.** The decision maker shall document the reasons for approving all departures (to be maintained with project application records) for the purpose of providing consistency in decision-making by the city.