

## **EXHIBIT C**

### **Mulching Guidelines**

**Mulching and Weeding:** All plant beds must be mulched. Pine bark, Pine straw (needles), Melaleuca mulch, mixed hardwood mulch, eucalyptus mulch, utility mulch, or cypress mulch can be used. Mulched beds must be kept free of weeds and dead plants.

**Replacement:** Mulch must be replaced in a timely manner as a result of rain runoff and rotting.

**Rock mulch should be used minimally in the landscape and reserved for use on pathways, in dry creek beds, or under downspouts. Rock, stone, shell or similar materials cannot be used as a major landscape ground cover or mulch. Materials like this heat excessively in the sun and draw water out of the underlying soil.**

In no case may these materials occupy over **25%** of the landscape in each bed surface area as they increase the need for herbicide use, have no habitat value, reflect rather than absorb heat, and do not produce oxygen like plants. If you intend to use small rocks, make sure to first install a woven ground cloth to keep it from sinking into sandy soils.

If rock is used, **75% of the rock area should be covered with plants, decorative pots with plants, or other appropriate flower bed plantings.**

#### **Submission Requests:**

**All** requests for front landscaping where rocks are being proposed must be accompanied with a detailed picture of the bed intended for rock. In addition, include:

- Type and color of rock, stone or shell to be used.
- Type and color of lining to be used.
- Plants that will accompany it and where they will be planted.
- Decorative items to be used and placement

If rock, stone or shell is approved, beds must be in accordance with guidelines above.