DESIGN STANDARDS FOR:  LANDSCAPING

Wood Chip Mulch Specification

1. Submission of a 5-lb. sample of ground wood mulch in a labeled plastic bag is required for approval by Project Engineer.
2. Label shall include information about the location where the wood for the chips was collected and the type of material ground.
3. Wood chip mulch shall be coarse ground waste by-product wood chips (approximately ½” – 6” along the longest dimension) derived from the mechanical grinding or shredding of whole trees or portions of trees.
4. Tree species shall be mixed hardwood and softwood species such as hemlock and alder. Mulch may contain ground or shredded bark, wood fiber, roots, rootwads, branches, leaves, etc.
5. Wood chip mulch shall be free from weeds, weed seed, deleterious materials, and foreign materials, resin, tannin, or other compounds detrimental to plant life. Mulch containing any amount of cedar wood is unacceptable.
6. Wood chip mulch shall have no obvious disproportionate ratio of chip sizes.
7. Suggested Source:
   Northwest Chipping and Grinding
   P/N: 360.676-9569

Warranty

1. Planted areas shall have a two year maintenance period and two year warranty for all plants and planted areas.
2. Consideration for 1 year warranty and maintenance may be acceptable pending review of planting plan by the Park’s Landscape Architect.

Planting Bond Specification

1. Surety bonds are required for developers and for encroachment cases for restoration plantings. The following forms may be used for surety bonds (see attached):
   a. Surety Bond Form
   b. Assignment of Funds in Lieu of Bond Instruction Sheet
   c. Assignment of Funds in Lieu of Bond Form
SURETY BOND
Plantings on Bellingham Park Property

The CITY OF BELLINGHAM, a first-class municipal corporation of the State of Washington, the SECURED; ________, a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Washington, the SURETY; and a, _________________, the PRINCIPAL; do hereby agree as follows:

The Principal has entered into an agreement with the City for Plantings on Bellingham Park Property Project. The work is to be carried out in conformance with all applicable laws and City of Bellingham Plantings on Bellingham Park Property Project Name________________________________________, attached hereto; and incorporated by this reference.

The maximum financial obligation of the Surety under this Bond is $_________________, the same being 150% of the total estimated cost of the work.

The Surety agrees to either undertake and complete the work, or pay the Secured sufficient funds to administer and complete the work, including reasonable liquidated damages, attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred, on the happening of the following events:

A. Failure of the Principal to complete the work in accordance with good and accepted engineering practice;
B. Any material breach of the Plantings on Bellingham Park Property Project referenced above;
C. Any failure of the Principal to comply with the requirements imposed by law or by any government agency with jurisdiction;

This obligation shall remain in full force and effect during the performance of the work or until affirmatively released, in writing, by the Secured. Further, the Surety agrees to hold the project's actual cost for at least _______ year(s) after completion of the work, or until an affirmative, written release of the deposit is received from the City, to remedy the detection by the City of any defect in workmanship or materials in the design or construction of the work.

EXECUTED, this the ___________ day of ______________, 20__, for the PRINCIPAL, _______ ________________, a ___________________________.

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CITY OF BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN STANDARDS FOR PARK AND TRAIL DEVELOPMENT
EXECUTED, this the __________________________ day of ____________, 20___,
for the SURETY, ________________________________:

Title: ______________________________________

Address: ____________________________________

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ACCEPTED and APPROVED for the SECURED, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, this the ______ day of ____________, 20___.

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Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________________________

Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Office of the City Attorney

ACCEPTED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

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Department Head
ASSIGNMENT OF FUNDS IN LIEU OF BOND
Plantings on Bellingham Park Property

THIS ASSIGNMENT is for ensuring completion and guarantee of the Assignor’s commitment to Plantings on Bellingham Park Property for the City.

The undersigned, __________________________, ____________________________, acting for ____________________________, does hereby assign to the City of Bellingham all right, title, and interest in funds in the amount of $ ____________________________, deposited in account number ____________________________, at the ____________________________, in the name of ____________________________, in the amount of ____________________________.

The City is hereby authorized to draw upon the funds in case of the happening of any of the following events:

1. Failure of the Assignor to complete the work described in the Plantings on Bellingham Park Property Project: ____________________________ (attached hereto and incorporated by this reference) in accordance with good and accepted engineering practice;

2. Any material breach of the Plantings on Bellingham Park Property Project referenced above; or,

3. Any failure of the Assignor to comply with requirements imposed by law or by any government agency with jurisdiction.

This obligation shall remain in full force and effect during the performance of the work or until affirmatively released, in writing by the Secured. Further, the Bank agrees to hold 150% of the project’s actual cost for at least ____________________________ year(s) after completion of the work, estimated to be ____________________________, or until an affirmative, written release of the deposit is received from the City, to remedy the detection by the City of any defect in workmanship or materials in the design or construction of the work.

The City is authorized, in case of happening of any of the described events, to draw upon the account to complete the work, to correct any defects discovered, to collect liquidated damages, to pay required costs and fees, or do any other thing required to bring the project to timely and proper completion.

If the City draws down part but not all the funds held by the Bank, pursuant to this Assignment, any residual funds shall be released to the Assignor upon written release by the City, but subject to any demand made by the City for monies owing the City for any reason.

EXECUTED, this the ____________________________ day of ____________, 20___,
for the Assignor, ____________________________:

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CITY OF BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN STANDARDS FOR PARK AND TRAIL DEVELOPMENT
The undersigned warrants that ___________________________ is authorized to execute this Assignment of Funds for the Bank; that the account named has the required funds in it; that the Bank accepts this Assignment and all the terms contained in it; and the funds will be held until either drawn down by the City in accordance with this Assignment, or a release, in writing, is received from the City.

ACCEPTED, this the ___________________________ day of ____________, 20___, for the Assignor, ___________________________.

Signature: ___________________________
Title: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________

ACCEPTED, this the ___________________________ day of ____________, 20___, for the CITY OF BELLINGHAM

Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the City Attorney

ACCEPTED FOR ADMINISTRATION:

Department Head

END OF SECTION