

#### 19.73.010 Purpose and intent.

A. The general purpose of these standards is to promote development that will balance the rights of the landowner with protection of the county's sensitive lands, especially its irreplaceable foothill and canyon environments. Many of these standards are broad in nature to allow flexibility in design so development can be evaluated on a site by site basis, while insuring that development will be compatible with the natural landscape, and consistent with the public welfare.

B. The development standards contained herein are intended specifically to accomplish the following purposes:

1. Preserve and enhance the beauty of the landscape by encouraging the maximum retention of natural topographic features, such as drainage swales, streams, slopes, ridge lines, rock outcroppings, vistas, natural plant formations, trees, and similar features;
2. Encouraging planning, design, and development of building sites in a manner that provides the maximum in safety and enjoyment while adapting development to, and taking advantage of, the best use of natural terrain;
3. Establish a foundation for development in sensitive lands to insure a more harmonious relationship between man-made structures and the natural setting;
4. Direct new development in the canyons and foothills toward areas meeting suitability criteria as outlined in the Wasatch Canyons general plan suitability analysis, and other applicable general or community plans. (Ord. 1473 (part), 2001; Ord. 1417 § 3 (part), 1998)