Chapter 16.160
Clear Vision Areas

16.160.000 Requirements

Except in the C-1 zone, a clear vision area shall be maintained on the corners of all property adjacent to the intersection of two streets, a street and a railroad, or a driveway providing vehicular access to a public street, including alleys.

A. Lots or parcels on street corners (public and/or private) shall maintain a sight triangle with no sight obstruction between three (3) feet and ten (10) feet in height as measured from street grade. Sight obstructions include, but are not limited to, fences, vegetation, berms, signs and structures. The sight triangle shall be measured from the street corner (apex), to a distance of twenty (20) feet along each street side (see Figure 1). For the purpose of this Section, a street corner is defined as that point where the extended edges of the road surface of two intersecting streets meet. The City may require additional vision clearance based on a hazard identified by the City. However, tree trunks and sign poles not exceeding 12 inches in diameter may be located within the vision clearance area, provided the diameter does not exceed 24 inches.

B. A private access shall be treated as a public street for the purpose of this section. The vision clearance area shall be determined in the manner set forth form in Chapter 16.160.000.010(A). The edge of the paved surface area of the private access, be it roadway, curb or sidewalk, shall be treated as the right-of-way line in determining the vision clearance area.

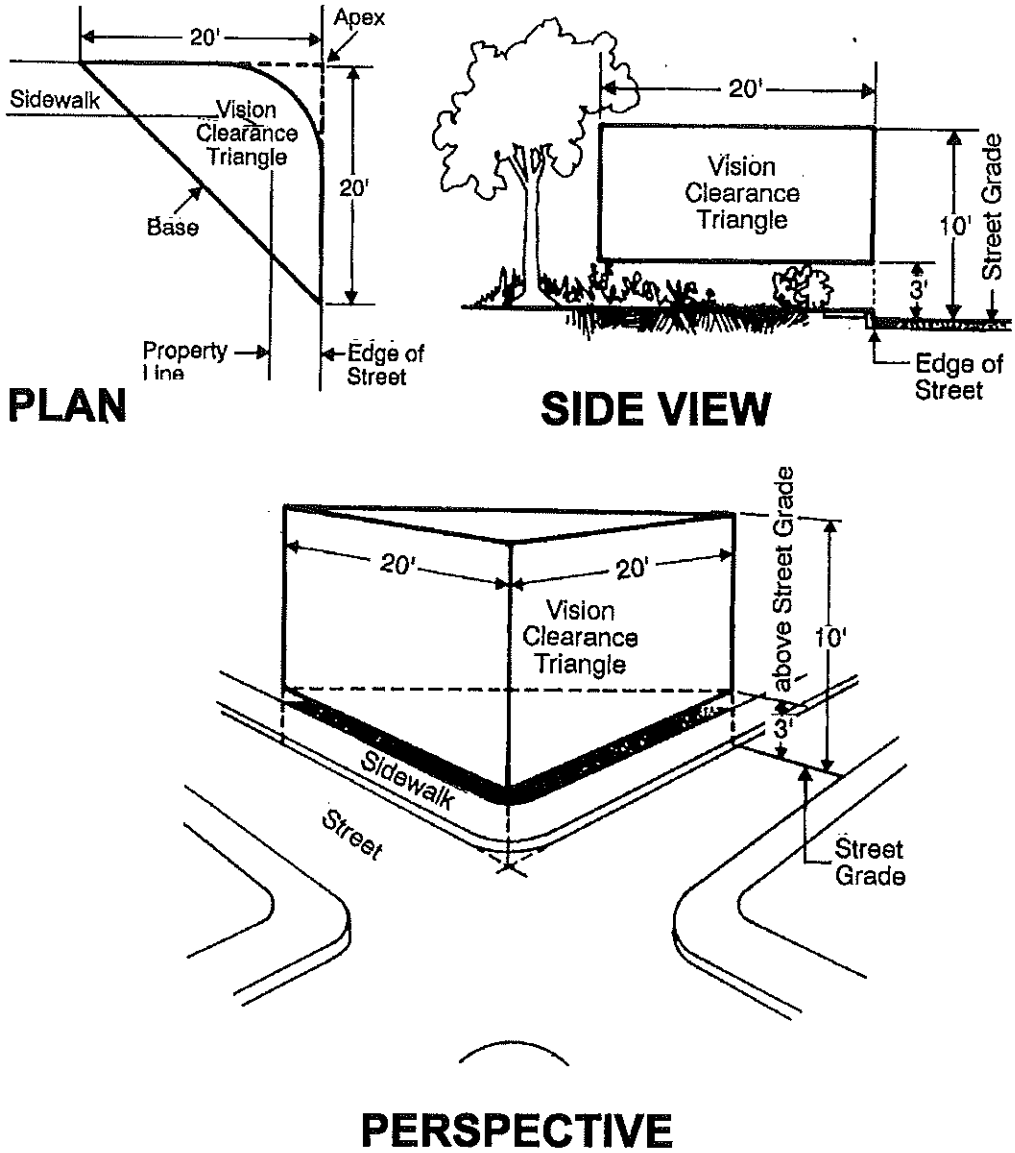

Figure 1: Clear Vision Area Illustration