



Memorandum

To: Chair Hansen and Members of the City Council

From: Jeff Baker, Building Official

Date: January 23, 2025

Subject: Sight Triangle Ordinance Amendment

Attached is the revised ordinance addressing sight distance triangles, which incorporates the changes requested by the Planning Commission at its meeting on November 25, 2024. These updates aim to provide a clear, consistent standard for maintaining visibility at intersections while ensuring public safety.

Key Updates to the Ordinance:

- 1. Clear and Consistent Definition:** The sight triangle is defined as two sides measuring 30 feet along the curb lines from the intersection of two streets, with the third side connecting these points. This replaces any prior conflicting language.
- 2. Transparency and Height Standards:**
 - Within the sight triangle, fences, walls, or other structures must maintain at least 75% transparency.
 - No structure within this area may exceed 48 inches in height from grade level.
- 3. Conflict Resolution:** Previous inconsistent descriptions and standards have been removed to create a unified and enforceable standard.
- 4. Safety Emphasis:** The ordinance prioritizes unobstructed visibility within the sight triangle to enhance traffic safety for both motorists and pedestrians.

These revisions address the feedback provided by the Commission and ensure that property owners, staff, and enforcement officials have a clear and effective framework to follow.

Please review the attached ordinance and provide any additional recommendations before final consideration by the City Council. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, feel free to contact me directly at 763-784-6491.