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**To:** Chair Hansen and Members of the City Council

**From:** Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

**Date:** November 19, 2024

**Subject:** Public Hearing – Sight Triangle Ordinance amendment

Staff recently identified conflicting language in the City’s zoning code regarding the standards for site distance triangles in relation to corner lots and intersection visibility. These inconsistencies have the potential to create confusion for property owners and code enforcement staff.

To address this issue, staff has drafted an ordinance to provide a clear, unified standard for site distance triangles. The amendment seeks to eliminate ambiguity while ensuring the zoning code supports safe and effective visibility at intersections.

The ordinance makes the following changes:

- **Clarified Definition:** The sight triangle area is defined consistently as two sides measuring 50 feet along the curb lines from the intersection of two streets, with a third side connecting the endpoints.
- **Conflict Resolution:** The ordinance removes previous conflicting descriptions to establish a single, enforceable standard.
- **Safety Emphasis:** Unobstructed visibility in the sight triangle is emphasized to enhance traffic safety.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024 on the proposed ordinance amendment. The Commission is requested to review the proposed ordinance and provide recommendations and feedback for City Council consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.