FENCES & VISIBILITY TRIANGLE

General Requirements.

1. Fence Height. Fence height is measured from the nearest adjoining grade. In the case of differing grades, fences are measured from the highest adjoining grade. Lattice or other decorative elements are counted towards the total fence height.
2. Vision Triangles. In order to ensure visibility and safety, no solid fence or hedge exceeding 3 feet in height shall be located within a 15 foot vision triangle on either side of a driveway providing access to required on-site parking or where 2 streets intersect on the corner (refer to Figure 36.3, Visibility Triangle).
3. Prohibited Materials.
   a. Residential Zoning Districts. Electrically charged fences, barbed wire, razor wire or other types of wire fences are prohibited in residential zones.
   b. Mixed Use Zoning Districts. Chain link fencing, barbed-wire, razor-wire, and corrugated metal fencing are prohibited in Mixed Use Corridor (MUC), Mixed Use Neighborhood (MUN) and Mixed Use Live Work (MULW) Zoning Districts.

Location-Specific Requirements.

1. Front Yard.
   a. All solid fences located in the required front yard shall not exceed 3 feet in height;
   b. All open decorative fences and combination solid/open decorative fences located in the required front yard shall not exceed 5 feet in height. Chain link fencing above 3 feet is prohibited in the front yard in residential zoning districts.
   c. Privately constructed fences are prohibited in the public right-of-way.
2. Interior Side and Rear. All fences, regardless of type, are limited to 7 feet in height in the side or rear yards. Such height may be increased to 10 feet in any district except the Professional Office (PO) or any Residential (R) District upon approval of an Architectural Permit.
3. Side Yard Adjacent to the Street on Corner Lots.
   a. Fences are limited to 6 feet in height in the side yard adjacent to the street on corner lots. The fence must be set back from the sidewalk at the distances specified below, depending on the type of fencing. Privately constructed fences are prohibited in the public right-of-way.
   b. Decorative Fencing. All decorative fences must be set back a minimum of 18 inches from the sidewalk. The privately owned area between the decorative fence and sidewalk must be landscaped and maintained in a healthy and weed-free condition.
   c. Non-Decorative Fencing. All non-decorative fences must be set back at least 5 feet from the property line. The setback area shall not be surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or other similar paving material except for driveways or walkways. Chain link fences above 3 feet in height are prohibited in side yards adjacent to the street in residential zoning districts.

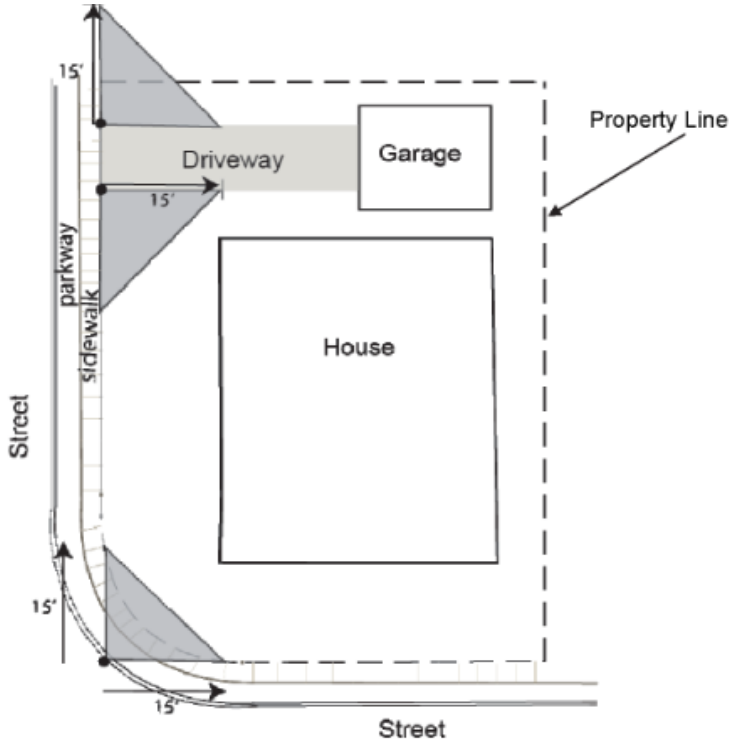

Figure 36.3 Visibility Triangle (Zoning Ordinance 36.3)