



City of Appleton RESIDENTIAL VISION CORNERS & STREET TERRACES

What is a vision corner?

Vision corner means triangular approach zones at street and/or driveway intersections intended to allow visibility of approaching traffic, pedestrians and bicycles.

What are the rules of vision corners?

Vegetation or structures on private property :

- No owner or occupant of any property abutting a public street shall permit any trees, shrubs, bushes, weeds, signs, structures, walls or fences on his property to be so placed and maintained as to obstruct the vision of a user of the street at its intersection with another street or public thoroughfare.
- There shall be a vision corner on all corner lots located in zoning districts that require a minimum twenty (20) feet setback from street property lines.
- Fences, walls, signs or structures erected in such vision corners shall not exceed three (3) feet in height. The fence, wall, sign or structure shall be a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) open to vision, equally distributed throughout the fence length and height located within the defined vision corner.
- Plantings in such vision corners shall be maintained in such a fashion as to provide unobstructed vision from three (3) feet above the center line elevation of the abutting pavement to ten (10) feet above the center line elevation. 23-174(g).

Can I plant in the terrace?

Yes, if the planting conforms to the following City Policy:

The following conditions are not acceptable uses of street terraces unless a street occupancy permit request is approved by the Municipal Services Committee and Common Council:

1. Plants in excess of 3 feet in height.
2. Hedges.
3. Traffic hazards such as rocks, railroad ties, etc.
4. Loose stone, mulch or sand surfaces.
5. Vegetable gardens.
6. Trees (without Park & Recreation Department's prior approval).

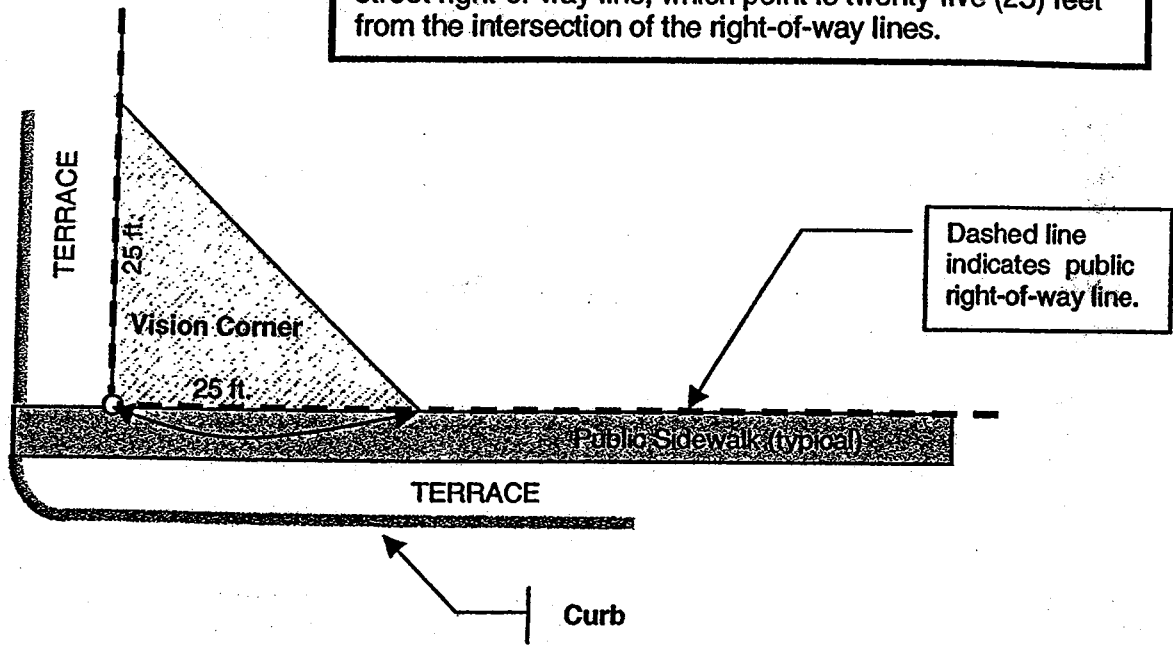
All other uses of street terraces are acceptable contingent upon the following:

1. Compliant with Weed Control Ordinance.
2. Elevation flush with sidewalk.
3. City's restoration cost to work in the terrace limited to cost of typical terrace.

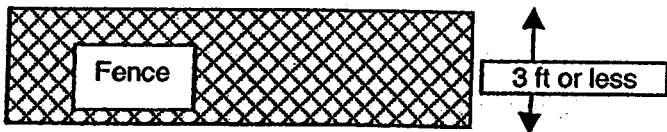
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(ILLUSTRATION)

The vision corner is described as the triangular area enclosed by a straight line connecting a point on each street right-of-way line, which point is twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection of the right-of-way lines.



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Shrubs & other low plantings must be trimmed to a maximum height of (3) feet.

