



## ORDINANCE 10-1-15

### I. Screening and vision clearance.

- (1) Statement of Purpose. This subsection is established to recognize the public and private benefits accrued from functional and aesthetic screening between areas of incompatible land uses, the increasing demand for active and passive recreational areas, the desirability of providing visual screening of certain parking lots, business and manufacturing areas, and the necessity of providing adequate vehicular vision clearance.
- (2) Off-Street Parking. See Ordinance 10-1-13.
- (3) Screening or fencing erected, placed, maintained or grown shall comply with the following provisions:
  - (a) Screening in a front yard shall not exceed a height greater than four feet above the curb level or its equivalent. Provided, however, that within 10 feet from any driveway or alley crossing of a street lot line, any screening shall not exceed two feet in height unless it is at least 90% open for through vision.
  - (b) On a corner lot, screening in the street side yard may extend from the side street rear corner of the structure perpendicular to a distance four feet from the side street property line and continue along the side street to the rear property line. The height of any screening shall not exceed six feet. Provided, however, that within 10 feet from any driveway screening shall not exceed two feet in height unless it is at least 90% open for through vision.
  - (c) Unless otherwise provided, a vision-barrier fence located in the rear and side yards shall not exceed six feet in height.
  - (d) Snow fences may be used temporarily, but in no case shall snow fences be left standing longer than six months during any calendar year.
  - (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain any barbed wire or razor wire fence, except that any such fence above the height of six feet may be permitted for agricultural, industrial or commercial security reasons, with permission from the Zoning Administrator.
  - (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain any above ground electrical fence.

- (g) Fences constructed in a manner in which a supporting framework or posts can be construed to represent a back side shall be installed so that the front side/good side faces the adjacent or abutting property.
  - (h) Screening or fencing shall be located in a manner that allows the owner to maintain the screening or fencing from their side of the property line.
  - (i) Unless a larger setback is otherwise provided, the setback for any screening or fencing erected, placed, maintained, or grown in the front yard of any property shall be 36 inches from the lot line.
- (4) Vision clearance.
  - (a) On a corner lot in any residence district, no structure, screening, bush, tree branches or embankment shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and 10 feet above the curb level or it's equivalent within the triangular space formed by two intersecting street right-of-way lines located a minimum of 25 feet from the intersection thereof in order to provide adequate vehicular vision clearance. Provided, however, that a fence so designed, constructed and maintained as to be least 90% open for through vision may be constructed in such vision clearance area.
  - (b) On a corner lot in any business or industrial district, no structure, screening, bush, tree branches or embankment of any kind shall be erected, placed, maintained or grown between the heights of three feet and 10 feet above the curb level or its equivalent within the triangular space formed by two intersecting street right-of-way lines or their projections and a line joining points on such street right-of-way lines located a minimum of 10 feet from the intersection thereof in order to provide adequate vehicular vision clearance. Provided, however, that a fence so designed, constructed and maintained as to be 90% open for through vision may be constructed in such vision clearance area.
- (5) Exemptions. The Zoning Administrator may modify the provisions for the requirement of screening when suitable screening exists on abutting property, or when he determines that such modifications for screening shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this subsection. The Zoning Administrator may also modify the provisions for the requirement of vision clearance when he determines that such modifications shall be consistent with traffic safety and shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this subsection.
- (6) Existing Screening or Fencing. Any screening or fencing which exists at the time of the passage of this ordinance (October 5, 2009), but does not conform with the provisions thereof, shall not be altered or enlarged without making the entire unit conform with the provisions of this subsection.

# LEGEND

PROPERTY LINE

= 6'

= 4'

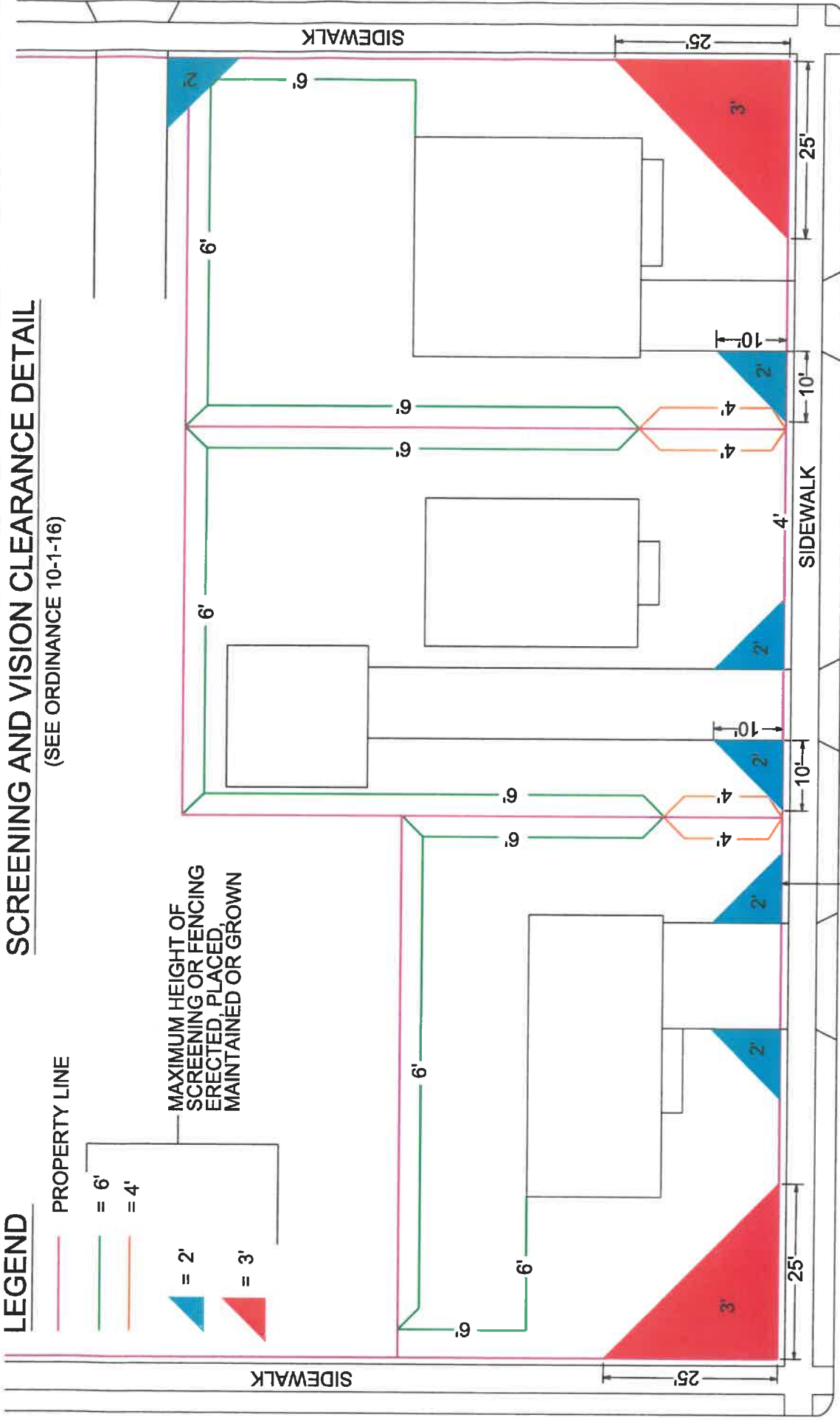
= 2'

= 3'

MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF  
SCREENING OR FENCING  
ERECTED, PLACED,  
MAINTAINED OR GROWN

## SCREENING AND VISION CLEARANCE DETAIL

(SEE ORDINANCE 10-1-16)



(TYPICAL)  
30'

CENTER OF STREET

(NOT TO SCALE)