



# Visibility Standards

The City of Middleton has developed vehicular visibility standards to prevent congestion of public and private rights-of-way. These standards apply to all new development or redevelopment and are approved by the Zoning Administrator through the site plan review process. Here is what you need to know:

## What is a “Vision Triangle ”?

Vision triangles are located at the intersection of public streets, alleys, and driveways. They are locations where walls, fences, and other structures cannot be built. The purpose of vision triangles is to ensure motorists can see pedestrians, bicyclists, and cross traffic. See Figure 10.06.05a for an example.

## What are the Vision Triangle requirements for public streets?

A vision triangle extending 15 feet from all public street right-of-way intersections shall be maintained for local street intersections. The vision triangle shall be 30 feet when the intersection includes collector or arterial streets. If the street intersection is curved, the vision triangle distance shall be maintained as if the right-of-way were extended to create a 90 degree corner.

No wall, fence, structure, sign, utility structure or appurtenance, or vegetation that impedes vision **between the height of 2 ½ feet and 10 feet above the intersecting streets** is permitted within the vision triangle. Fences may be allowed, but cannot be more than 30% opaque.

Development in the MU-D district and development located on streets with signalized intersections may be granted a reduction in the minimum vision triangle requirement through the conditional use process (See Section 10.10.32).

**Figure 10.06.05a: Visibility Standards**

## What are the Vision Triangle requirements for alleys and driveways?

A vision triangle extending 10 feet along the property line from alleys and driveways shall be maintained. No wall, fence, structure, utility structure or appurtenance, or vegetation is permitted within the vision triangle that impedes vision between the height of 2 ½ feet and 10 feet above the intersection. Development in the MU-D district is exempt from this requirement.

### Additional questions?

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