

ORDINANCE NO. xxxx

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO VISIBILITY TRIANGLES; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO ADD VISIBILITY TRIANGLE DIAGRAM AND UPDATE LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 18-1503.11 "VISIBILITY TRIANGLE"; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF SUCH AMENDED ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (LDC-1025-00003)

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park requests to amend Section 18-1503.11 of the Land Development Code pertaining to the Visibility Triangles to add diagrams and update relevant language to provide greater clarity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park desires for the Land Development Code to function effectively and equitably throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park has determined where the Land Development Code needs clarification and revision; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission, sitting as the Local Planning Agency, and the City Council for the City of Pinellas Park, Florida have reviewed and held public hearings on said proposed ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA:

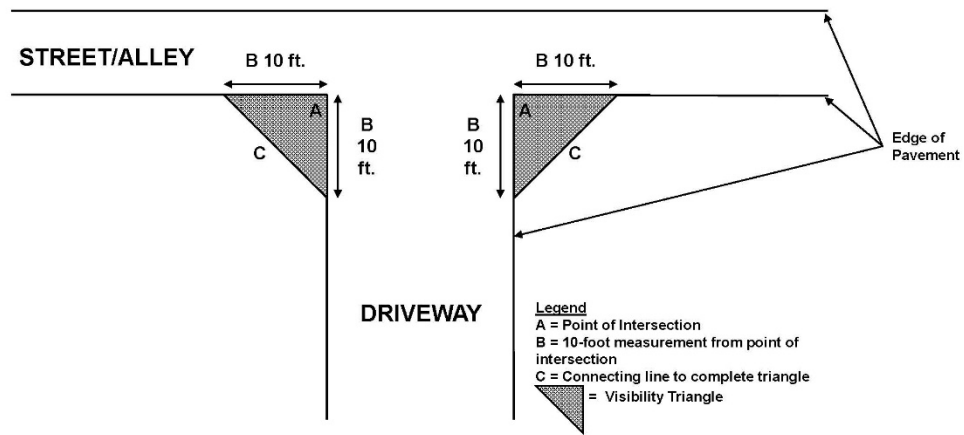
SECTION ONE: That Section 18-1503.11, of Chapter 18, of the Land Development Code of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-1503.11. - VISIBILITY TRIANGLE.

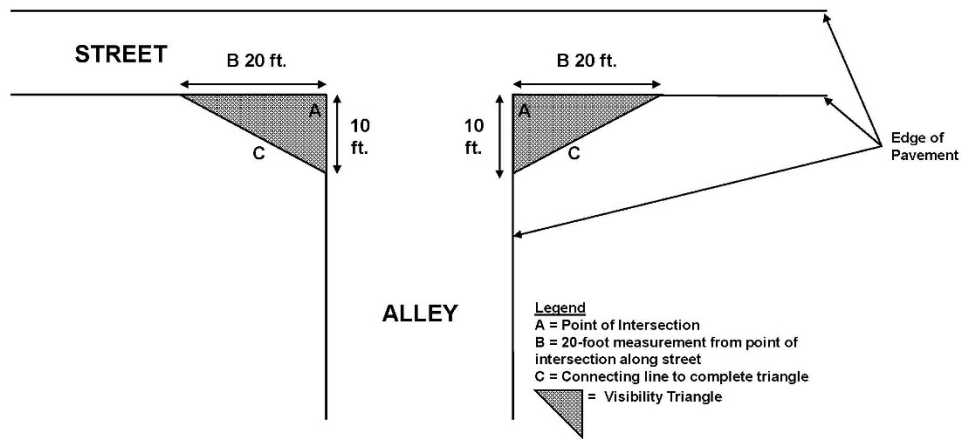
(A) PURPOSE AND INTENT. The objective of these requirements is to provide sufficient view corridors for safe interaction of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists at intersections. Visibility triangles are to be measured from the edge of pavement for driveways and the edge of pavement of alleys and streets. The sight visibility areas apply to all potential visual obstructions, such as but not limited to, landscaping, signs, utilities, traffic signal controller cabinets, structures, walls and fences, etc. The following regulations shall apply to all zoning districts.

(B) VISIBILITY TRIANGLE MEASUREMENTS.

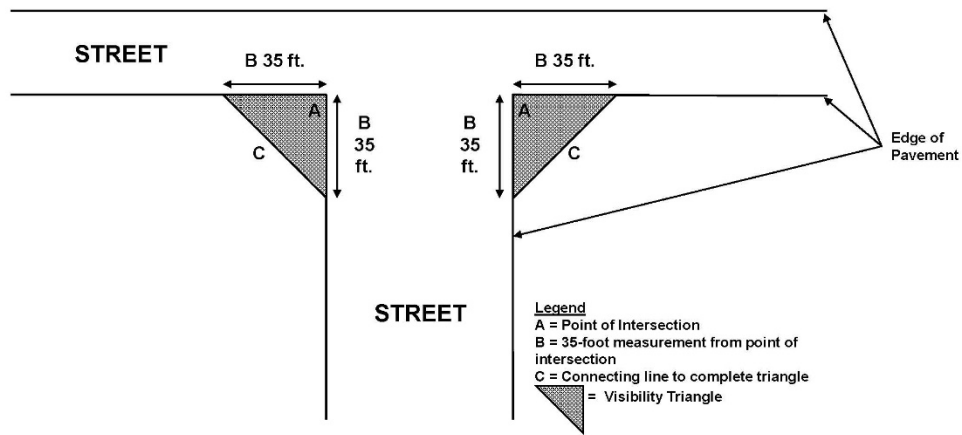
1. DRIVEWAY INTERSECTING STREET OR ALLEY. The triangle is formed on both sides of a driveway by the intersection of a driveway with a private or public street or alley with a length of ten (10) feet along the driveway, a length of ten (10) feet along the edge of pavement of the private or public street or alley and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) lines.



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2. ALLEY INTERSECTING STREET. The triangle is formed by the intersection of an private or public alley and a private or public street with a length of ten (10) feet along the edge of pavement of the alley, a length of twenty (20) feet along the edge of pavement of the street, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) lines.

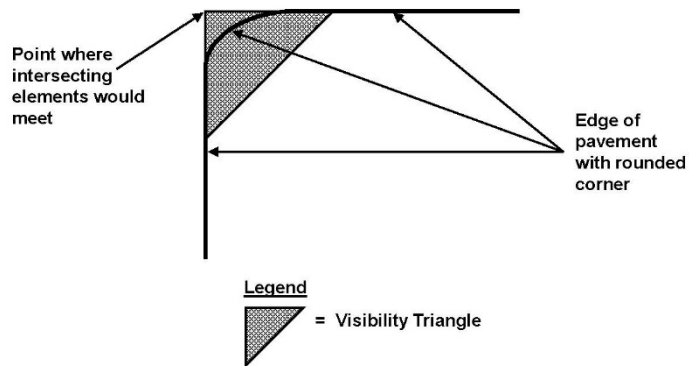


3. INTERSECTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY. The triangle is formed by the intersection of two (2) or more private or public rights-of-way with two (2) sides of the triangular area being thirty-five (35) feet in length along the edge of pavement of the street, measured from their point of intersection, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) lines.



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4. RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN COUNTY OR STATE JURISDICTION. Visibility Triangle measurements at the intersection of a right-of-way, accessway, or driveway and a right-of-way under County or State jurisdiction are also subject to the visibility requirements of those authorities.
 5. PRIVATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN SUBDIVISIONS SUBJECT TO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA) OR PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION (POA) RESTRICTIONS. Visibility Triangle measurements at the intersection of a private right-of-way, accessway, or driveway and a private right-of-way under HOA or POA jurisdiction are also subject to the visibility requirements of those authorities.

56. In the case of rounded corners and driveway flares, the point at which the intersecting elements would meet without such rounding or flares shall be used in order to perform the above visibility triangle measurements.



(C) INTERSECTIONS. Unobstructed cross-visibility at a level between two (2) feet and eight (8) feet in height above the crown of the lowest adjacent right-of-way shall be maintained within the visibility triangle. Trees or palms having canopy limbs, foliage and fronds shall be maintained in such a manner that cross visibility is provided.

(D) EXCEPTIONS. The Planning and Development Services Director may adjust or waive the requirements for visibility triangles on a case-by-case basis. The review shall take into consideration the following criteria:

1. Right-of-way characteristics such as the pavement width, width of the right-of-way, curvature of the street, one-way directional traffic, presence of on-street parking spaces, amount of traffic, speed limit and other similar elements;
2. Neighborhood characteristics such as locations of schools, parks and other public facilities;
3. Elevation difference between the street and adjacent lots;
4. Life safety concerns;
5. Exceptions to reduce the measurement at an intersection shall only be considered when the intersection is controlled by a four-way stop or electronic traffic signal; and
6. Exceptions will not be considered for driveways linked to streets functionally classified as an arterial or collector.

SECTION TWO: All other provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Pinellas Park not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE: The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Land Development Code of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida, and the publisher of the Code of Ordinances

may renumber, reclassify or otherwise insert this Ordinance in an appropriate place to accomplish such intention.

SECTION FOUR: The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable, and should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any part of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining parts hereof shall not, in any way, be affected by such determination as to the invalid part.

SECTION FIVE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PUBLISHED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

FIRST READING THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer R. Carfagno, MMC
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RE: City Document #24-335
Ordinance re Visibility Triangles

Dear Mr. Bernhart:

Our office has received and reviewed the above-referenced Ordinance amending Section 18-1503.11 of the City's Land Development Code pertaining to visibility triangles. We would approve of the proposed Ordinance as to form and correctness.

Very truly yours,

James W. Denhardt
City Attorney

cc: Bart Diebold, City Manager
Jennifer Carfagno, MMC, City Clerk
Dan Hubbard, Asst. City Manager
Nick Colonna, Community Development Administrator
Aaron Petersen, Asst. Community Development Administrator
Erica Lindquist, Planning & Development Services Director

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