



Residential Fences

City of Meadow Lake

This brochure covers *fences* in residential areas.

Currently, development and building permits are not required for fences of no more than 2 metres (6.54 feet) in height. However, the property owner is responsible to ensure that the following requirements are complied with.

Some of these requirements also apply to plantings of trees, shrubs and hedgerows.

Requirements

1. All structures, including *fences* must be located completely within the property lines.
 - a. A fence between two properties may straddle the property line, if the owners of each property are both in agreement.
 - b. Plantings intended to form a *hedge* must be placed so that the total width of the hedge is within the property lines
 - c. The owner is responsible for determining the exact location of the property lines
 - i. *Existing fencelines should not be assumed to be on the property line*
2. Fences are not to exceed 2 metres (6.54 feet) in height.
 - a. A structure taller than 2 metres is considered a wall, and as such is subject to the same setbacks and other requirements for buildings regulated by the Bylaws
3. On a corner lot, nothing inside the *sight triangle* may be more than 600mm (2 feet) in height if it has the potential to impede the vision of motorists. (See diagram)
 - a. This includes all fences, planters, plants and shrubs
 - b. A tree may be permitted, provided that the tree has a single trunk, branches are kept trimmed to a height of 2 meters from the ground and vision is not impeded.
 - c. Anything within the sight triangle that is considered by the City to be impeding the vision of motorists will be required to be removed.
4. The property owner is responsible for the maintenance of public property that is located between the property line and the curb or the back alley
 - a. Property owners should consult with the City before planting any trees or shrubs in these areas to ensure that these will not interfere with snow removal or cause other concerns
 - b. These areas must be kept free of construction debris, garbage and overgrown grass or weeds
5. All structures, including fences, must be built and maintained so that they do not present any hazard or become unsightly.

Definitions

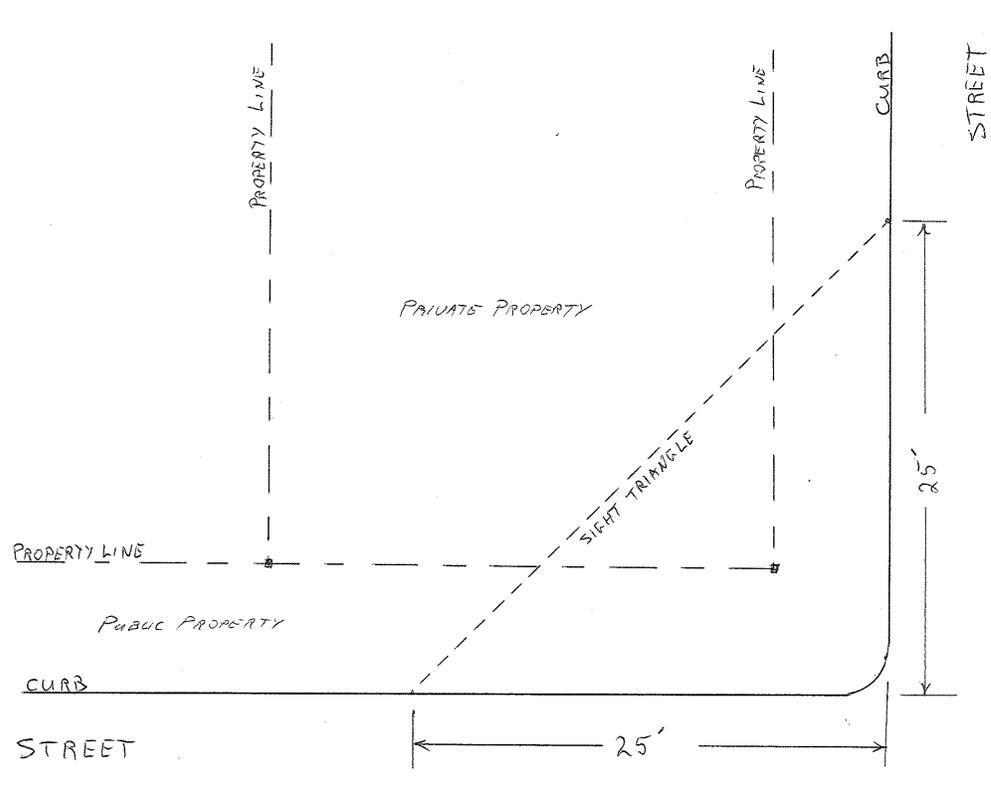
Fence: A structure serving as an enclosure, a barrier, or a boundary, usually made of posts or stakes joined together by boards, wire, or rails.

Owner: The person or entity that holds the Title to a property

City: The City of Meadow Lake

Sight Triangle: A triangular portion of land measuring 7.5 metres (25 feet) each way from the street corner. The hypotenuse of this triangle often runs across a part of the corner lot (see diagram).

Hedge: A row of closely planted shrubs or low-growing trees forming a fence or boundary.



Further Information

Please contact City Hall between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, 120 - 1st Street East, S9X 1Y5

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