Vision Clearance Guidelines

There should be no visual obstructions in the vision clearance area between three feet (thirty-six inches) and six feet (seventy-two inches) in height. Trees should be kept trimmed of branches to a minimum height of at least six (6) feet. All other visual obstructions should be maximum thirty-six (36) inches in height, including fences, hedges, shrubs, walls, or other structures.

This does not apply to structures that will not impair visibility due to design or material used, such as chain link fence. This requirement does not apply if the property subject to the vision clearance area is three or more feet above street grade. If the above requirements do not provide for adequate visibility because of the unusual or irregular lots or intersections, the vision clearance area shall be determined by the Public Works Department.

The vision clearance area at all intersecting and intercepting alleys, streets, or highways shall encompass all land formed by a triangle, one point being the corner of the lot at the intersection and the other two points located a distance of twenty (20) feet from this corner point on the side, front or rear property lines as the case may be. The vision clearance area on each side of any private driveway intersecting a street or alley shall encompass all land formed by a triangle, one point located where the side of the lot intersects the street or sidewalk, and the other two points located a distance of ten (10) feet from this point along the driveway, sidewalk, or street as the case may be.