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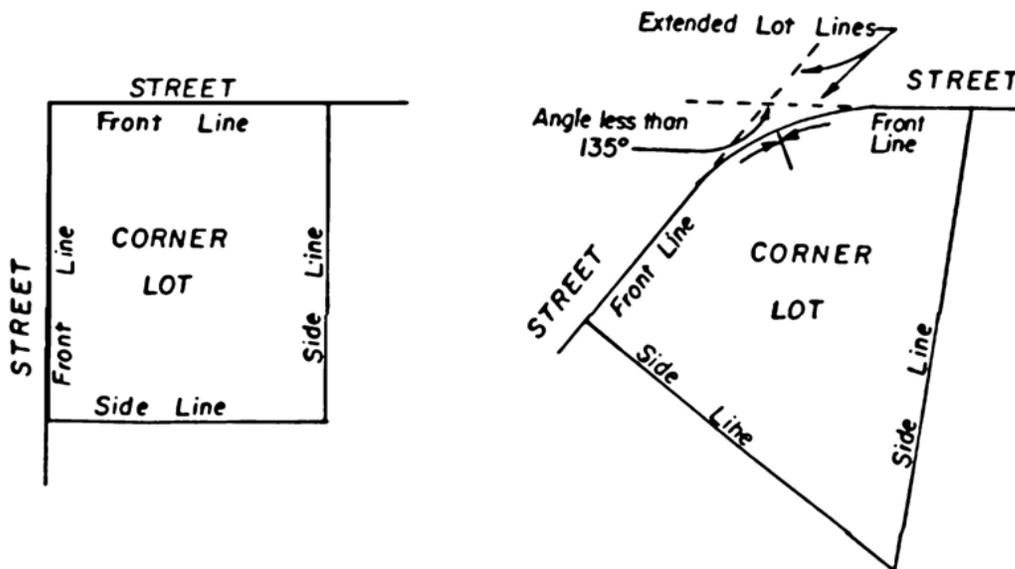
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**GENERAL INFORMATION TO ERECT/CONSTRUCT A FENCE**

**FENCES**

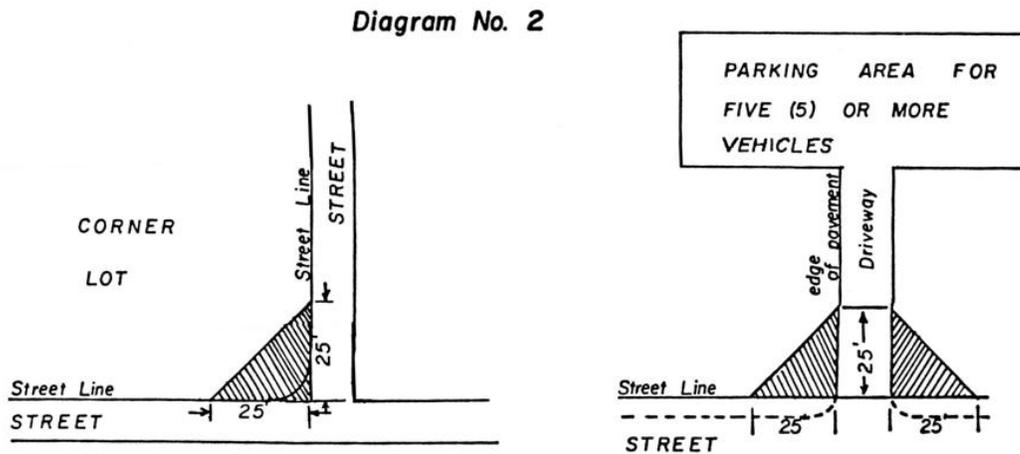
- (1) All fences shall be erected on private property and shall be no closer to any public sidewalk than thirty (30) inches.
- (2) Fences shall not exceed four (4) feet in height along the front lot line and that portion of the side lot lines between the front lot line and the minimum front setback line. Fences shall not exceed six (6) feet in height along that portion of side lot lines between the minimum front setback line and rear lot line, and along the rear lot line.
- (3) Fences located within the side or rear yards and exceeding six feet in height shall be set back a distance equal to their height.
- (4) On corner lots, no fence shall be located higher than three (3) feet within the triangle of clear site so as to obstruct visibility at the intersection in a manner that will jeopardize the safety of vehicles and pedestrians. The triangle of clear site is that area formed by the intersecting street lines and a straight line joining said street lines at a point twenty-five (25) feet distant from the point of intersection of street lines.

**Diagram No. 1**



DEFINITION - LOT, CORNER -- A lot which has an interior angle of less than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees at the intersection of two (2) street lines. A lot abutting a curved street shall be considered a corner lot if the tangents to the curve at the points of intersection of the side lot lines intersect at an interior angle of less than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees. (Also see ~ 200-5.3D.) (See Diagram 1)

TRIANGLE OF CLEAR SIGHT -- The area of a corner lot formed by the intersecting street lines and a straight line joining said street lines at a point which is twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection measured along said street lines. Also, the areas of a lot with a driveway serving five (5) or more vehicles formed by the street line, the edge of driveway surface, and a straight line joining said street line and edge of driveway surface at a point which is twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection measured along said street line and edge of driveway. All drives serving five (5) or more vehicles shall have two (2) triangles of clear sight. (See Diagram 2)



(5) All fences greater than six feet in height shall require a building permit.

(6) Temporary fences on construction sites may be a maximum height of eight (8) feet to protect the site.

\* Note, Fence requirements may be modified by the Zoning Board of Appeals by the issuance of a Special Permit, based upon finding that such modification is not detrimental to the neighborhood nor that such modification will jeopardize vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic.

**ANY QUESTIONS ON THESE REQUIREMENTS YOU SHOULD CONTACT INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY**