

**Article 16.**  
**WALLS, FENCES, SHRUBBERY AND HEDGES**

**Sec. 16-1 - Walls and fences--Location.**

All types of masonry or coral rock walls may be erected anywhere upon any premises, and in certain cases, (see 16-2(b) 2) must be erected along property lines, provided that the design thereof shall first be approved by the Board of Architects. Wire fences may be erected at the following locations on any premises in R, D, A and S-Use Districts: (2705)

- (a) On lots that are not corner lots as defined in this ordinance, wire fences may be erected anywhere along boundaries of a rear yard as defined in this ordinance, or within such rear yards; or along side lot lines from the rear lot line to the front line of building extended to the nearest point in the side lot line, provided that a masonry or coral rock wall connects such wire fence with the building if such wire fence extends farther toward the street than the rear corner of the building closest to the side lot line.
- (b) On lots that are corner lots as defined in this ordinance, wire fences may be erected along boundaries of rear or side yards or within such rear and side yards, provided, however, that such wire fence shall not be erected in any yard area where such areas abut upon a street and provided that if such wire fence extends farther toward the street than the side or rear corner of the building closest to the side or rear lot line, a masonry or coral rock wall extending from the building to the rear or side lot line shall be connected to such fence.
- (c) Wire fences may be erected in the Industrial Section provided that such wire fences are not located closer than one-hundred (100) feet to Bird Road, LeJeune Road or Ponce De Leon Boulevard.

No wire fences may be erected in C-Use Districts, except as provided for herein above in the Industrial Section.

**Sec. 16-2 - Walls, fences, shrubbery and hedges—Height. (2705, 2991, 3436)**

- (a) 1. All driveway entrances and roadway intersections in or abutting R, D, A, and S-Use districts shall be constructed so that:

- a. Vehicles can enter and exit from the property without posing substantial danger to themselves, pedestrians, or vehicles traveling in abutting streets; and,
  - b. Interference with the free and convenient flow of traffic from adjacent streets is minimized.
- 2. A triangle of visibility, as defined in Section 16-2 (a) 3 herein, shall be provided and maintained at all driveway entrances and street intersections in or abutting R, D, A and S-Use districts. Each triangle of visibility shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the specifications illustrated in the applicable graphic representation (Figures 1, 2, and 3).
  - 3. Triangle of visibility shall refer to a triangular area of land occurring at the intersection of a driveway and street or at the intersection of two streets which is maintained free of visual obstructions so as to provide adequate visibility of on-coming pedestrians and vehicles.
  - 4. Nothing shall be erected, placed, parked, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner within a triangle of visibility so as to materially impede vision between a height of three (3) feet and eight (8) feet above the established grade, measured at the driveway or at the triangle of visibility and intersection.
  - 5. Deviation from the requirements and standards set forth by this Section may be allowed by variance only, and shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants shall provide all professional studies and supporting materials necessary to demonstrate that the level of safety achieved will be comparable to the provisions contained herein.
  - 6. All exceptions to the requirements contained within this subsection which were in existence and in compliance with Code requirements prior to May 1, 1992, shall be exempt from these standards, unless costs

SECTION 16-2: SITE DISTANCE FOR LANDSCAPING ADJACENT TO INTERSECTIONS

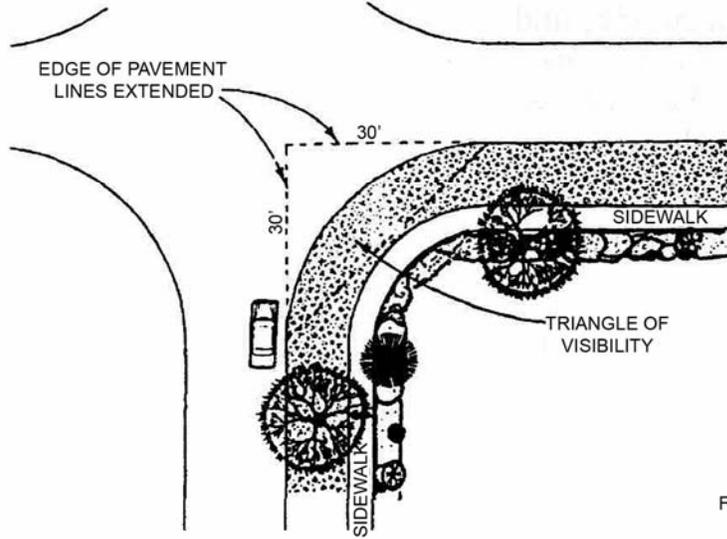


FIGURE 1

SITE DISTANCE FOR LANDSCAPING ADJACENT TO DRIVEWAYS

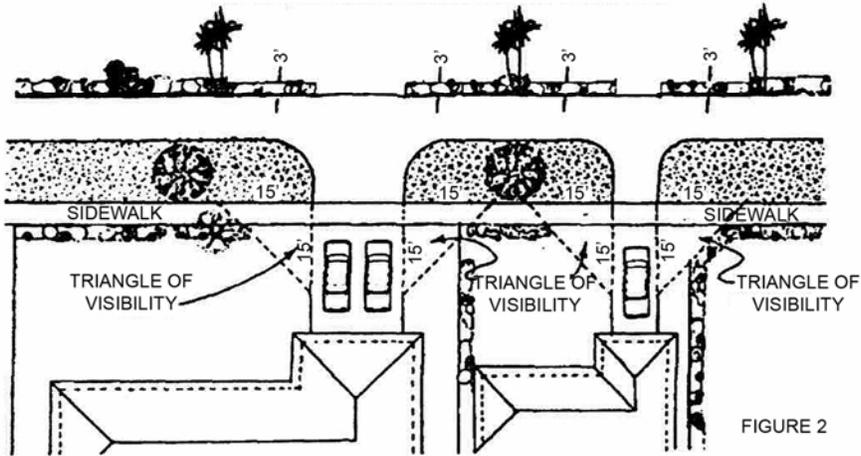


FIGURE 2

SITE DISTANCE FOR LANDSCAPING WHERE THE PROPERTY ABUTS A CITY PARKWAY AND WHERE THERE IS NO CITY SIDEWALK

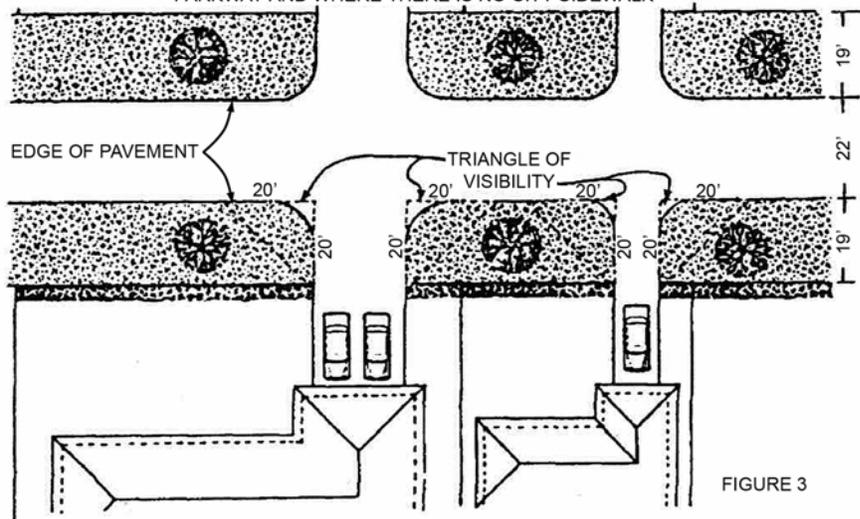


FIGURE 3

- of improvements and/or modifications to the property after that date exceed fifty (50%) percent of the assessed value of the property, at which time such triangle of visibility shall be provided.
- (b) No other wall or fence shall be permitted over four (4) feet high from the actual ground level at such wall or fence, gate or gate feature, whichever is higher, except in the following cases:
1. Wing walls, hereby defined as a wall or walls which extend from a building to or toward the property line, parallel to and in line with the front of said building, may exceed four (4) feet in height in R, D and A-Use Districts, provided the design and height thereof shall first be approved by the Board of Architects.
  2. Subject to the prior approval of the City Manager, concrete block, stuccoed or natural stone walls or chain link type wire fences may be erected to a maximum height of seven (7) feet upon property lines abutting Red Road of all lots facing or abutting upon Red Road from Coral Way to Southwest Eighth Street in cases where such walls or fences do not, in the opinion of the City Manager, create a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
  3. Walls confined completely within a U of a residence, duplex or apartment may exceed four (4) feet in height in R, D and A-Use Districts provided, however, the design and height thereof shall first be approved by the Board of Architects.
  4. Walls in connection with residences, duplexes or apartments in R, D and A-Use Districts not included in paragraph 3 above, may exceed four (4) feet in height, provided such walls meet the setback requirements for screened enclosures, and provided further that the enclosed ground area covered by the walls, the auxiliary buildings and the main buildings does not exceed forty-five (45%) percent of the enclosed area of the site and provided the design and height thereof shall be approved by the Board of Architects.
  5. Ornamental wrought iron, cast iron and/or aluminum fences may be erected to a maximum height of six (6) feet subject to the location and design thereof being approved by the Board of Architects.
  6. Ornamental wrought iron, cast iron and/or aluminum fences may be erected on top of a masonry wall provided that the height of the masonry wall shall not exceed four (4) feet and the maximum height of the wrought iron, cast iron, aluminum and masonry wall shall not exceed six (6) feet and provided that the location and design thereof shall be approved by the Board of Architects.
  7. Where residential and commercial use districts adjoin each other, a six (6) foot high wall shall be constructed along the property line between the commercial and residential properties. The wall shall be constructed and maintained by the commercial property owner, however, the abutting residential property owner may construct and maintain the wall.
  8. Residential gate and agate features may be erected to a maximum height of up to eight (8) feet on residential zoned properties which have a street frontage of one-hundred (100) feet or greater and when constructed with a masonry or coral rock wall or wrought iron fence as permitted herein, and provided that the location, material and design thereof shall be approved by the Board of Architects. (3557)
- Sec. 16-3 - Walls and fences--Materials and specifications.**
- (a) Walls may be constructed of the following materials:
1. Coral rock.
  2. Concrete block stuccoed on both sides with concrete cap.
  3. Slump or adobe brick.
  4. Precast concrete.
  5. Used red brick, limed red brick or cement brick painted white, provided the design thereof shall first be approved by the Board of Architects.

- (b) Wire fences may be constructed of the following materials:
1. Aluminum chain link.
  2. Galvanized steel chain link.
  3. Vinyl coated galvanized steel chain link in the following colors only: black, dark green, forest green, turf green and aqua.
  4. Aluminum or galvanized steel single or double looped ornamental type fence. (3113) The construction of such wire fences shall meet the following specifications:
    - a. The wire used in construction of such fences shall be of not less than eleven (11) gauge or equal, except that one inch chain link fences may be twelve and one-half (12½) gauge.
    - b. Terminal posts shall be aluminum or galvanized steel pipe of not less than two (2) inches outside diameter or reinforced masonry columns of not less than four (4) inches square.
    - c. Aluminum or galvanized steel angles may be used as intermediate supports.
    - d. All terminal posts and intermediate supports shall be set in concrete, and all terminal posts shall be properly braced when installing any ornamental type fence.
    - e. Top rail, if used, shall be aluminum or galvanized steel pipe not less than one-and three-eighths (1⅜) inches outside diameter and where top rail is not used, terminal posts shall be properly braced with aluminum or galvanized steel pipe.
- (c) Ornamental wrought iron, ornamental aluminum cast iron or cast aluminum fences shall be permitted provided the design thereof shall first be approved by the Board of Architects.
- (d) Wood fences shall be permitted on Santa Maria Street.
- (e) Wood picket fences shall be permitted on residential lots in Golden Gate, MacFarlane Homestead, and Coconut

Grove Warehouse Subdivision, subject to the following conditions:

1. Such fences shall be of cedar, cypress, or redwood, with four (4) inch by four (4) inch terminal posts, two (2) inch by four (4) inch intermediate posts, wood rails and pickets one inch thick. Pickets shall be placed so as to provide a space between of not less than one-half (½) the width of the picket.
2. All such fences shall be painted on each side with an appropriate and harmonious color, and shall be maintained and kept in repair by replacing all rotting wood. Construction and painting shall be completed within a reasonable time after issuance of permit therefore, to be determined by the Building Official.

**Sec. 16-4 - Walls and fences in public utility easement areas.**

Every permit for the erection of a wall or fence in any public utility easement of record shall provide that it is subject to revocation. Each such wall or fence shall be constructed subject to the conditions that the said wall or fence shall be removed by the owner at any time on request of utility company requiring the use of the space for utility purposes, and that if the owner of such property fails to so remove such wall or fence after request and notice, the utility company or the City may remove such wall or fence at the property owner's expense.