This brochure contains standards for different areas affected by the Clear Vision Areas.

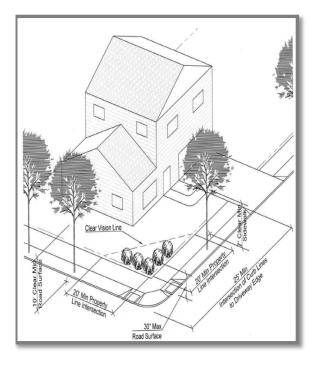


Diagram from SMC 16.58.010

Clear Vision Areas shall be maintained on the corners of all property.

Clear Vision Areas shall contain no planting, sight obscuring fence, wall, structure, or temporary or permanent obstruction exceeding 30 inches in height.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

If you have received this brochure from the City, your vegetation has grown to the point where it must be trimmed.

INFORMATION

This pamphlet provides a basic overview of the Clear Vision Areas. The full set of regulations can be viewed on the City website. If you have additional question or need additional information, contact the Planning Department.

Please be aware that you are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of debris.

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CLEAR VISION AREAS

The City of Sherwood has implemented a vegetation control program to ensure that City Code requirements are met.

These codes were adopted to provide improved vehicular and pedestrian safety and to provide maintenance access.





STREET VEGETATION CLEAR VISION AREA

In order to ensure unimpeded parking and maintenance of city streets and alleys, trees must be trimmed;

- 10 feet minimum above roadways.
- Shrubbery cannot extend past the edge of a curb line.

These guidelines allow street sweepers to do a thorough job and prevent damage to vehicles when parking. These practices also aid in reducing unwanted materials from being washed down storm drains, which may plug lines and pollute our rivers.



Shrub trimmed behind the curb line

SIDEWALK VEGETATION CLEAR VISION AREA

Trees must be trimmed to allow for ADA and pedestrian access and to prevent pedestrians from needing to enter the roadway to pass a property.

- 7 feet minimum above sidewalks.
- Shrubs cannot obstruct the sidewalk.

INTERSECTIONS CLEAR VISION AREA

Concerned about the safety of pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists, the City of Sherwood has established Clear Vision Areas at all intersections to help people approaching an intersection see each other clearly.

- Trees must be trimmed 10 feet above streets and 7 feet above sidewalks.
- Shrubby must be trimmed so it is no more than 30 inches above the curb within 20 feet of an intersection.

This includes behind the property line and the area on the street side of the property line within the public right-of-way.



Sign blocked by vegetation

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE CLEAR VISION AREA

To promote the safe and orderly flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, traffic signs and signals must be visible far enough in advance to allow adequate time for a motorist to identify and respond to the message the device is conveying.

- Vegetation must be trimmed so traffic signs are viewable by passing traffic.
- Overhanging tree branches or other vegetation may obstruct traffic control devices resulting in a delayed reaction by a driver or pedestrian that may cause an accident.