

Fences, hedges and walls.

(1) In any residence district, fences, hedges and walls up to four feet in height shall be permitted anywhere on a lot except where corner clearances are required for traffic safety, as provided in Subsection E(4) hereinbelow; provided, however, that a fence, hedge or wall up to six feet in height shall be permitted on the rear property line and on the side property line from the rear line of the principal building to the rear property line.

(2) In any business or industrial district there shall be no height restriction on fences, hedges or walls except as provided in Subsection E(4) hereinbelow, and except that on a boundary line between a business or industrial district and a residence district fences, hedges or walls shall be limited to eight feet in height, and, except where corner clearances are required by Subsection E(4) hereinbelow, no fence, hedge or wall in excess of three feet in height shall be constructed, maintained or permitted within 30 feet of the curb line.

(3) In any industrial district, property that is adjacent to a residential or business district shall be provided, along such property lines, with a wall, fence, compact evergreen hedge or a landscaped strip of trees and shrubs so designed as to form a visual screen not less than six feet high at the time of planting. Except for landscaped areas and parking areas, a use which is not conducted within a completely enclosed building shall be screened by a solid masonry wall, chain link fence covered with an evergreen vine, or compact evergreen hedge not less than six feet in height. Where a front yard adjoins a street, the wall, fence, or hedge shall be located no closer to the street than the depth of the required yard.

(4) For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections, no fence, hedge, wall or other obstruction of a height greater than 2 1/2 feet above the top of the adjacent curb or street center-line elevation shall be permitted to be planted, placed or maintained on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the intersection of the pavement lines, or their projection when corners are rounded, and a straight line joining the pavement lines at points 50 feet distant from their point of intersection.

(5) No gate shall be placed, erected or maintained which shall swing outward over any sidewalk within the city.

(6) No fence or wall shall be erected or maintained which shall be equipped with or have barbed wire spikes or any similar device within seven feet of the ground level or which shall have any electric charge sufficient to cause shock.

(7) In any business district, the owners of property that is adjacent to a residential district shall cause the property line adjacent to such a residential district to be properly landscaped so as to reasonably protect the residential character of such district. All such landscaping must be approved by the Planning Board of the City of Geneva.

(8) Fences may be installed right up to the property line but all of the fence must be on your side of the line. The City of Geneva does not locate property lines. If you are not certain where the line is, you should hire a licensed surveyor.

(9) No where in the code does it refer to which way to face the “good side” of a fence. The “good side” is obviously nicer to look at, but the “bad side” is easier for a trespasser to climb – the choice is yours.

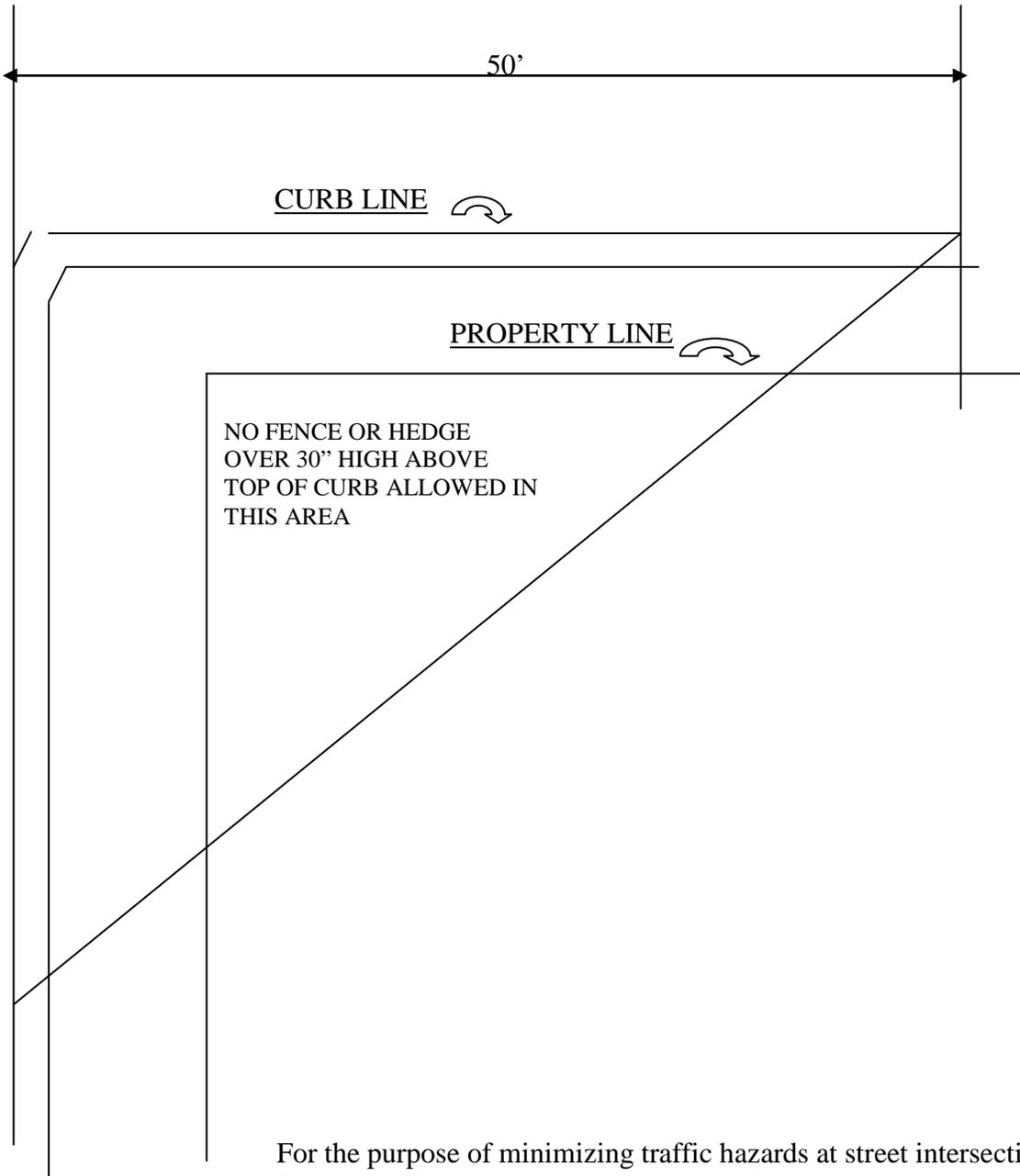
CORNER CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 350

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 350-24

PARAGRAPH E(4)



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REAR YARD CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 350

ARTICLE IV

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PARAGRAPH E(1)

PROPERTY LINE ↪

6' FENCE ALLOWED

A fence, hedge or wall up to six feet in height shall be permitted on the rear property line and on the side property line from the rear line of the principal building to the rear property line.

REAR LINE OF PRINCIPAL BUILDING ↪

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

4' FENCE ALLOWED

