



## City of Twin Falls Building Department

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## FENCES & SIGHT OBSTRUCTIONS

### Is A Building Permit Required for a Fence?

If the fence is to be **7 foot** or less in height no building permit is required. If the fence is to be over **7 foot** in height a building permit is required.

If your property is located within a Flood Zone a Flood Plain Development Permit is required through the City's Engineering Department even if a building permit is not required.

Building Permits are acquired through the Building Inspection Department located in the Fire Station at 324 Hansen St E.

The following information is required when making application for a building permit for a fence:

1. A site plan showing where the fence will be installed on the property.
2. Structural plans showing the type of post, fencing material and construction method.
3. Details showing the depth of the post in the ground and/or concrete.
4. The height of the fence.

For additional information about obtaining a building permit, please contact the Building Inspection Department at the above address or call them at (208) 735-7238.

### 9-9-16: OBSTRUCTION TO VISION AT

**INTERSECTIONS:** No person shall plant, install, create, maintain or possess on public or private property an obstruction to the vision of a driver of a vehicle at an intersection which constitutes a traffic hazard.

### **SETBACK FROM THE DRIVEWAY?**

Fences are allowed on the property line or within the yards of the property.

At the intersection of a driveway and a street, a fence cannot be constructed higher than **3 feet** if it is located within the following sight triangles:

1. The triangle that is defined by measuring **100 feet** along the face of the curb and **10 feet** along the **left driveway edge** and connecting the two

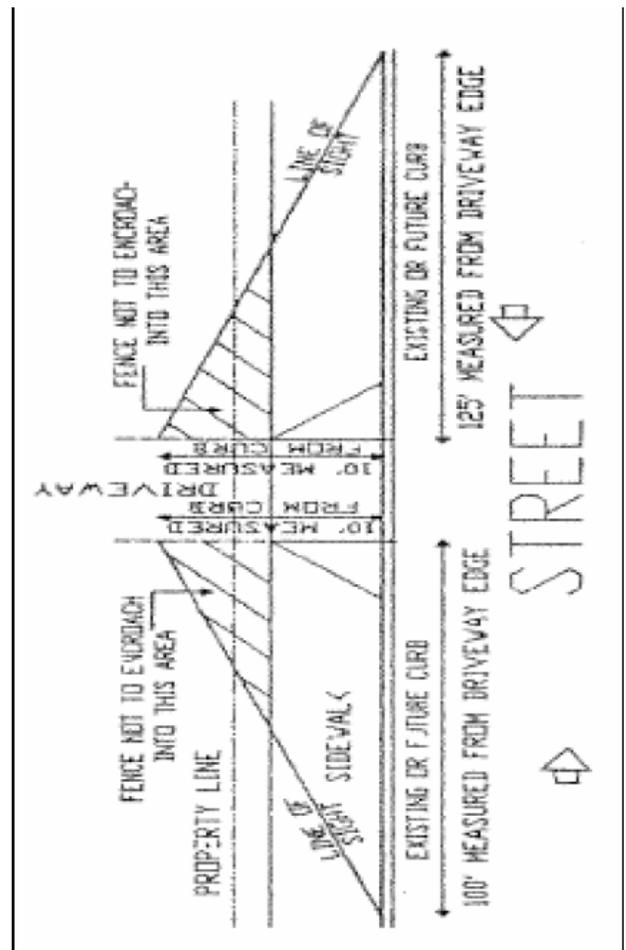
points on the left side of the driveway, as viewed when facing the property from the street, and;

2. The triangle that is defined by measuring **125 feet** along the **face of the curb** and **10 feet** along the **right driveway edge** and connecting the two points on the right side of the driveway, as viewed when facing the property from the street.

Outside of these sight triangles the fence can be built to a height of **7 feet**, without a building permit.

If there is no curb in front of the property, the future curb line location can be obtained by calling the City Engineering Department at (208) 735-7248

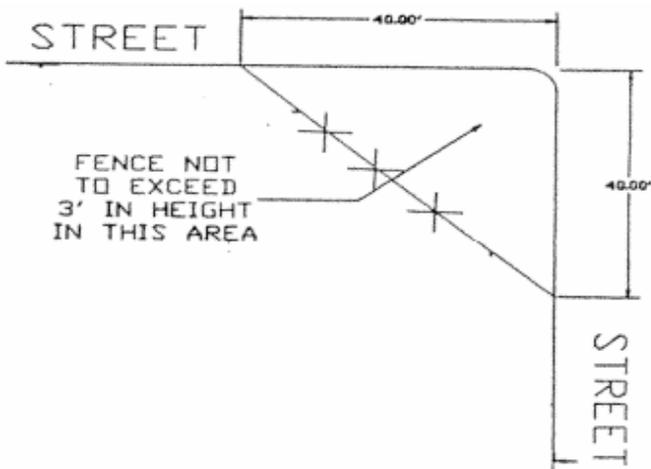
The following diagram may help to illustrate more clearly this requirement.



### SETBACK AT AN INTERSECTION?

A fence cannot be constructed higher than **3-feet** if it is located within the 40-foot sight triangle at an intersection. The **40-foot sight triangle** is determined by measuring from the intersection of the face of the curb lines, or the pavement edge if no curb exists, along the face of the curb or pavement line of each street a distance of 40-feet and then drawing a line which connects the two 40-foot points. Behind this sight triangle the fence can be built to a height of 7 feet, without a building permit. If the fence is to be higher than 7 feet a building permit is required.

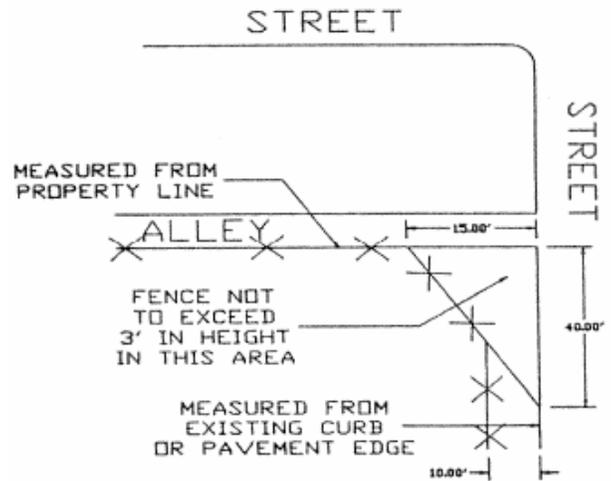
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### SETBACK AT AN ALLEY?

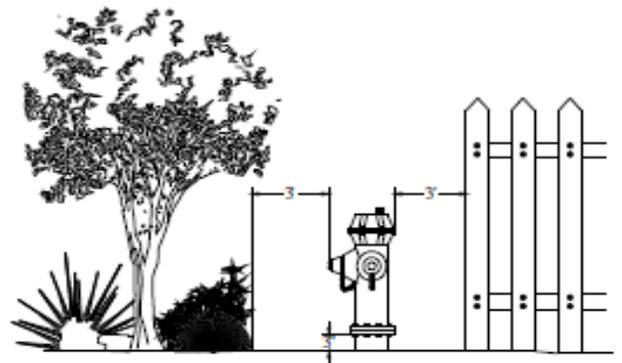
A fence cannot be constructed higher than **3-feet** if it is located within the **alley sight triangle** at an intersection of an alley and a street. The alley sight triangle is determined by measuring from the intersection of the face of curb line, or edge of pavement where no curb exists, along the face of the curb or edge of pavement a distance of 40-feet and along the alley a distance of 15-feet and then drawing a line, which connects the two points.

The following diagram may help to illustrate more clearly this requirement.



### SETBACK FROM A FIRE HYDRANT?

In order to maintain, operate and attach hoses to fire hydrants, the Fire Department requires that an area, a minimum of (3') three-feet wide surrounding a fire hydrant on **All** sides be kept clear of any obstructions such as fences, trees, shrubs and lawn decorations. For further information you may contact the Fire Department at (208) 735-7233



For information regarding setbacks from other utility structures contact the local utility company.