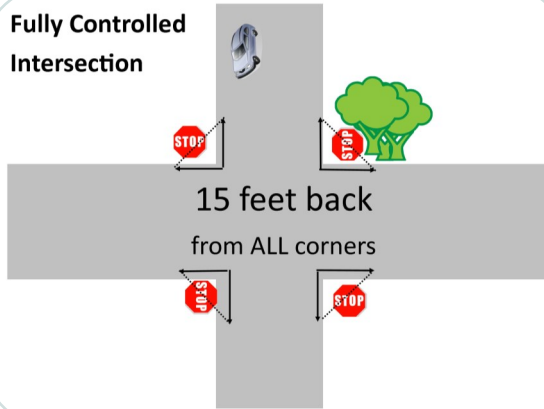
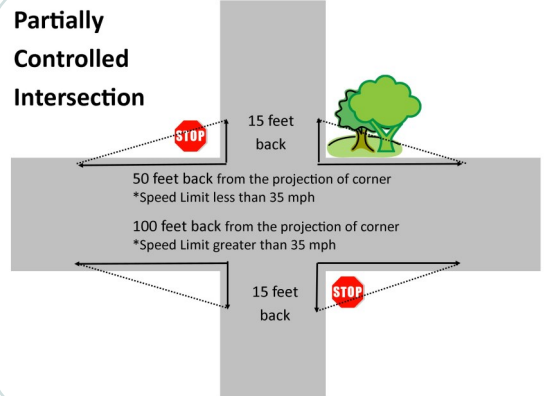


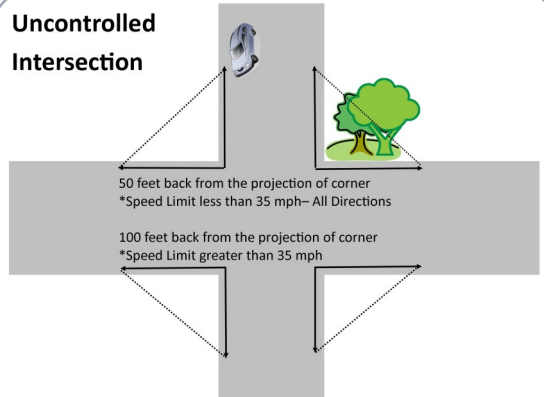
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**Uncontrolled Intersection**



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## Sight Distance Triangle:

Keeping our intersections safe for motorists and pedestrians.



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## **If you are a corner property owner or resident...**

In an effort to reduce the risk for potential accidents, the City of Helena urges you to evaluate and maintain adequate visibility at your street corner. Sight obstructions at intersections can be a contributing factor to accidents.

Sight distance triangle obstructions are hazardous to everyone using our streets and sidewalks.

Eliminating sight distance triangle obstructions may decrease your personal liability for costs associated with accidents which may occur at your corner.

### **EVALUATE**

Inspect the visibility at your corner to determine whether it meets the ordinance requirement. If you have any questions, call the Streets and Traffic Division and request a consultation 447-1566.

### **ELIMINATE**

Prune or trim any visibility obstructions from the Sight Distance Triangle. Remove any dense shrubbery or solid fences which block visibility: **between** a height of two and one-half feet (21/2') and ten feet (10') above the grade of the projected curb.



## **CITY CODE:**

### **Title 7, Chapter 3**

### **OBSTRUCTIONS**

### **Section 7**

### **SIGHT DISTANCE TRIANGLE**

Owners and tenants of any premises within the city have a duty to abate such public nuisances in front of or adjoining their premises within the public right of way or upon their premises by demolishing, removing, or trimming the cause of the public nuisance, following notification to and receipt of approval from the city to do so.



## **DISTANCES**

### **TO KEEP IN MIND:**

- ◆ Controlled intersections: 15 feet back from the intersection of the Curb.
- ◆ Non-controlled intersections: 50 feet back from the intersection of the Curb.
- ◆ Alleys: 10 feet back from the center of the alley.



## **PLAN AHEAD**

When planning a new yard or enhancing existing landscaping or constructing a fence; please keep in mind the requirements of City Code and consider the following options:

### ***Good Choices:***

- ◇ Chain Link Fence
- ◇ Shade Trees
- ◇ Low Vegetation
- ◇ Dwarf Shrubs
- ◇ Stepped-Height Hedges

### ***Poor Choices:***

- ◇ Solid Board Fences
- ◇ Evergreen Trees
- ◇ Tall Ornamental Grasses
- ◇ Standard Shrubs
- ◇ Uniform (Single) Height Hedges