

What is a Vision Clearance Triangle?

The vision clearance triangle, also known as the clear sight triangle, is a triangular shaped portion of a yard at the corner of a street or driveway intersection where nothing between the height of 4 feet and 10 feet is permitted. The purpose of maintaining this cleared space is to allow drivers, bikes, and in some cases pedestrians to observe on-coming traffic before navigating an intersection.

Pursuant to Article 1 Division 15 of the Clarksville Zoning Ordinance, the definition of the vision clearance triangle is as follows:

A triangular-shaped portion of land established at street intersections or driveways in which nothing is erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to limit or obstruct the view between a height of four feet and ten feet above the centerline grade of the intersecting streets, in the area bounded by the street lines of the corner lots and a line joining points along the street fifteen (15) feet from the point of the intersection of any public way or public or private corner lot.

Below is a sample image depicting one example of a vision clearance triangle. This sample image does not display every situation where the vision clearance triangle may be applicable.

