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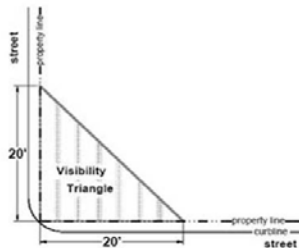
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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE FENCES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- Boundary lines must first be established and agreed upon with abutters.
- Where a dispute exists, land must be surveyed to establish boundaries, prior to fence installation.
- When there is no dispute, landowner may proceed with installation of fencing.
- Fencing shall be placed 17 inches within land boundary, to allow for future maintenance and shall also have a minimum set back of 17 inches from the property line. Property owners who install or place a fence, wall, or other barriers within the Town's right-of-way do so at their own risk. The Town is not responsible to repair, replace, or compensate for any such items placed in the public way.
- Fences installed on corner lots at intersecting ways of streets shall not be placed within the clear sight visibility triangle so as to obstruct visibility at the intersection. The clear sight visibility triangle is that area formed by the intersecting street right of way lines and a straight line joining said street lines at a point twenty feet distant from the point of intersection of street lines. (Medway Zoning Bylaw, 6.2.F. 4). See diagram below. If a question arises, the Medway Police Department Fence Viewer or Safety Officer or the Building Commissioner acting as Zoning Enforcement Officer should be contacted, prior to installation, to avoid the necessity of removal if the fence is not properly positioned.



- In all cases, the finished side of fences, where applicable, shall be facing the abutters' property.
- Barbed wire shall not be used within 6 feet of a pedestrian sidewalk, nor as boundary fences between properties, except in agricultural applications.
- The installation of fences does not require a permit, however where questions arise, the Fence Viewer should be contacted to eliminate the necessity of costly removals or relocations. Contact the Police Department for additional information.

NOTE - An administrative site plan permit is needed to install fencing or retaining walls on commercial, industrial and multi-family residential properties. Please contact the Medway Department of Community and Economic Development at 508-321-4890 for further information.

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