

Boulevard Landscaping

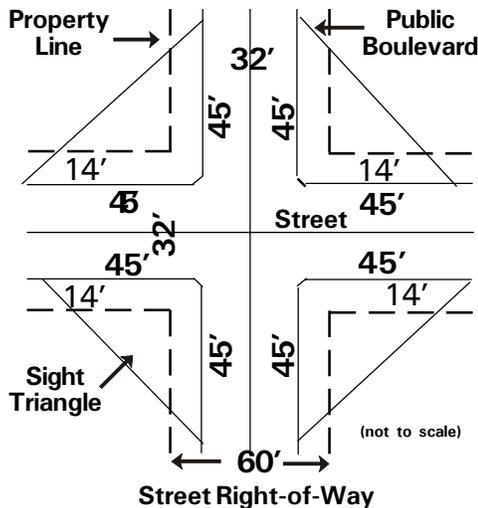
If you're planning to plant some bushes, place a boulder or build a fence on your lot, you should make sure you're not planning to locate them within public right-of-ways. Of particular concern is the public boulevard area, which is located from the back of the curbing to your property line. Refer to your certificate of survey for approximate location, usually 14 feet. The public boulevard area is a public right-of-way reserved solely for the installation of public utilities and snow storage, although lawn areas can extend all the way to the curb line.

Traffic safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists requires that high traffic visibility exist at street intersections. It's important that man-made and natural features at corner lots be controlled and maintained so as not to create interference with effective visibility.

Only grass, ground cover, mailboxes and delivery tubes are permitted in or on any public boulevard or right-of-way. Prohibited in or on any public boulevard or right-of-way

are boulders, landscape material, shrubs and privately-owned structures, such as a fence.

In addition, to preserve visibility and protect public safety, special regulations exist for corner lots. City ordinances prohibit structures or plantings higher than three feet, measured from where both street and driveway center lines intersect, to be located within 45 feet of any right-of-way corner. Planting anything taller in this area, known as the "sight triangle" could interfere with visibility.



This triangle is defined by starting at the projected curbline of the two intersecting streets or drives. Then, by measuring 45 feet along each curb line and connecting those points, the "sight triangle" is created. (Please see illustration)

Contact the Building Inspection Department at 952 985-4440 to obtain your certificate of survey or to ask additional questions pertaining to the width of the boulevard, property line locations, and the permit process for installing landscape improvements.