



# City of Manitowoc

## Fence / Retaining Wall v.09.2023

### General Requirements

This handout is intended to provide general requirements. If you have additional questions regarding fences or walls please contact the department at (920) 686-6940.

### Vision Clearance

No fence, shrub, hedge, decoration or wall shall be over the height of three feet above the highest sidewalk grade, if within 15 feet along property lines at any intersection involving public streets, alleys, and public or private driveways. The intent of this provision is to maintain a visual open area in a triangle formed by two 15-foot sides which would run parallel to such streets, alleys or driveways.

### Fence Permit

**PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall construct, build, erect or cause to be constructed, built or erected any fence or wall without first having obtained a permit.

**SITE PLAN REQUIRED.** Drawn to scale, of the proposed fence including: Size of the lot, location of house, garage, driveway, and abutting streets. Height and location of the proposed fence in relationship to the property lines, drainage or utility easements. All neighbor improvements within five feet of the proposed fence shall also be indicated.

**LOCATION.** Applicant is responsible for locating the fence or wall on intended property and insuring that fence or wall does not encroach onto public right-of-way or neighboring properties

**SETBACKS.** No fence or wall shall be erected within two feet of any property line adjacent to any adjoining

property which has a permanent driveway appurtenant thereto.

No fence or wall be erected within two feet of another fence or wall, whether on the same or an adjacent property.

No fence shall be erected closer than 12 inches to any adjacent public sidewalk.

#### HEIGHT.

Fences or walls not more than six feet in height are permitted in any required side or rear yard. In the required front yard, however, fences and walls shall be limited to a height of not more than four feet.

For a corner lot, a four-foot-high fence is permitted from the required front corner vision triangle on the street side yard to the rear corner of the primary residential structure; a fence up to six feet high is permitted from this point along the side street property line to rear property line.

#### EASEMENTS.

Fences or walls constructed in a drainage easement cannot impeded normal water drainage and fences constructed in a utility easement may be removed by the utility company for service work.

**"GOOD SIDE"** All fences shall be installed with the finished side facing the adjacent property or public right of way.



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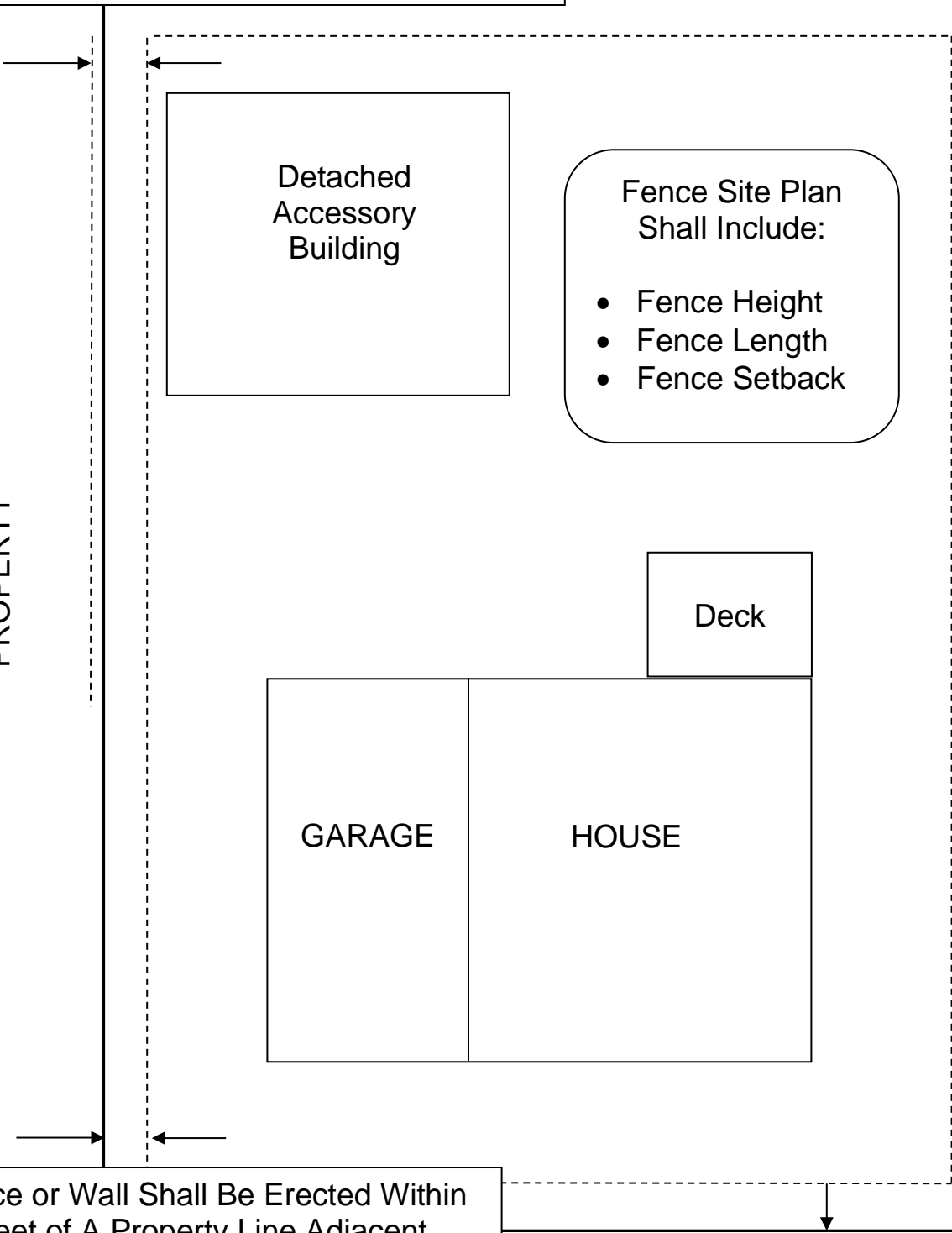
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# Sample Fence Site Plan

No Fence or Wall Shall Be Erected Within (2) Feet of Another Fence or Wall



Fence Site Plan Shall Include:

- Fence Height
- Fence Length
- Fence Setback

NEIGHBORS PROPERTY

DRIVEWAY

Detached Accessory Building

Deck

GARAGE

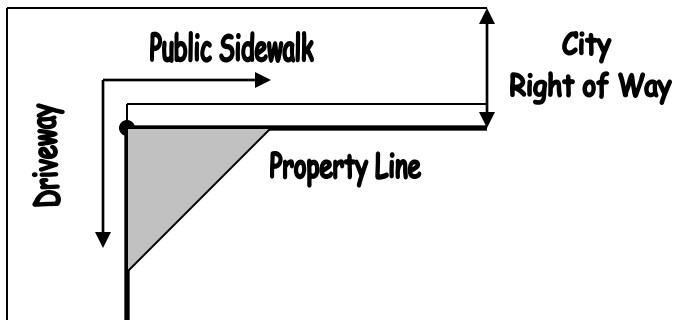
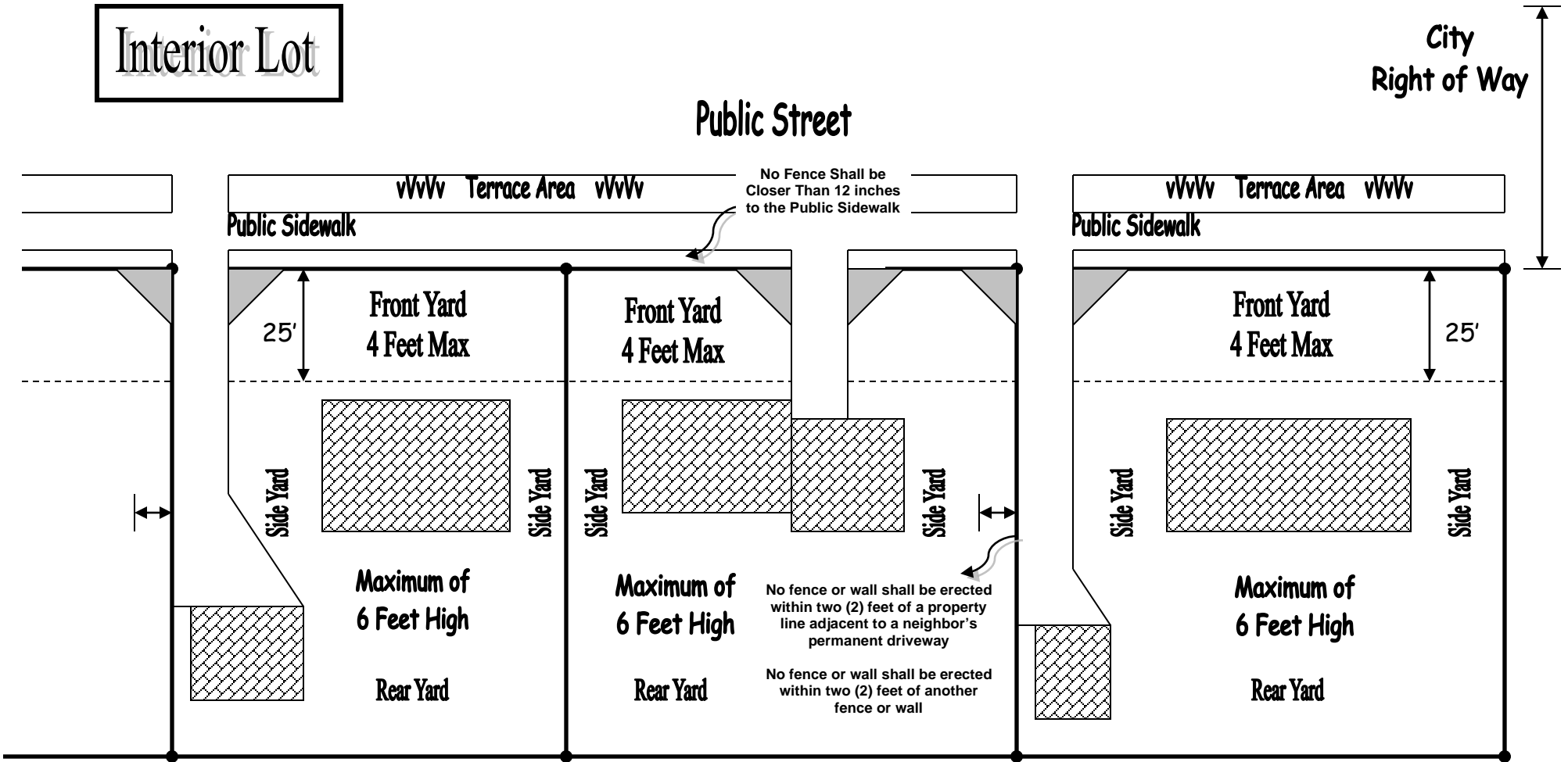
HOUSE

PROPERTY LINE

No Fence or Wall Shall Be Erected Within (2) Feet of A Property Line Adjacent to a Neighbor's Permanent Driveway

(1) Foot Setback Required From Public Sidewalk

# Interior Lot



## VISION CLEARANCE TRIANGLE

No building, wall, fence, or shrubbery shall be erected, maintained or planted on any lot which obstructs or interferes with traffic visibility along property lines at any intersection involving public streets, alleys, and public or private driveways.

The minimum size vision clearance standards are listed in each Zoning District.

The maximum grade elevation shall be no more than 3 feet in this area measured from the highest sidewalk grade.

# Corner Lot

Note: Front lot line is the narrowest street frontage

Public Street

City Right of Way

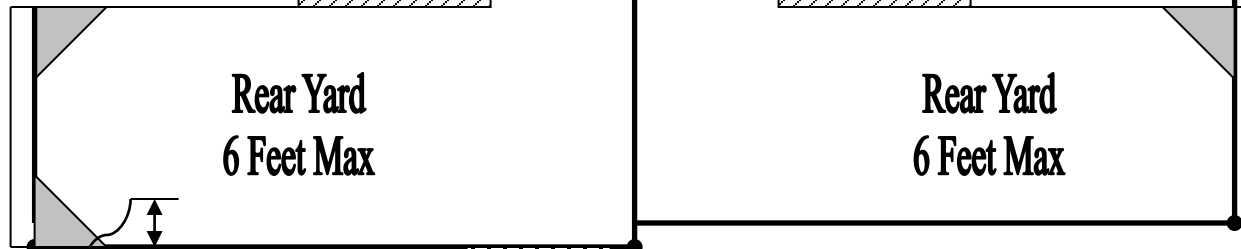
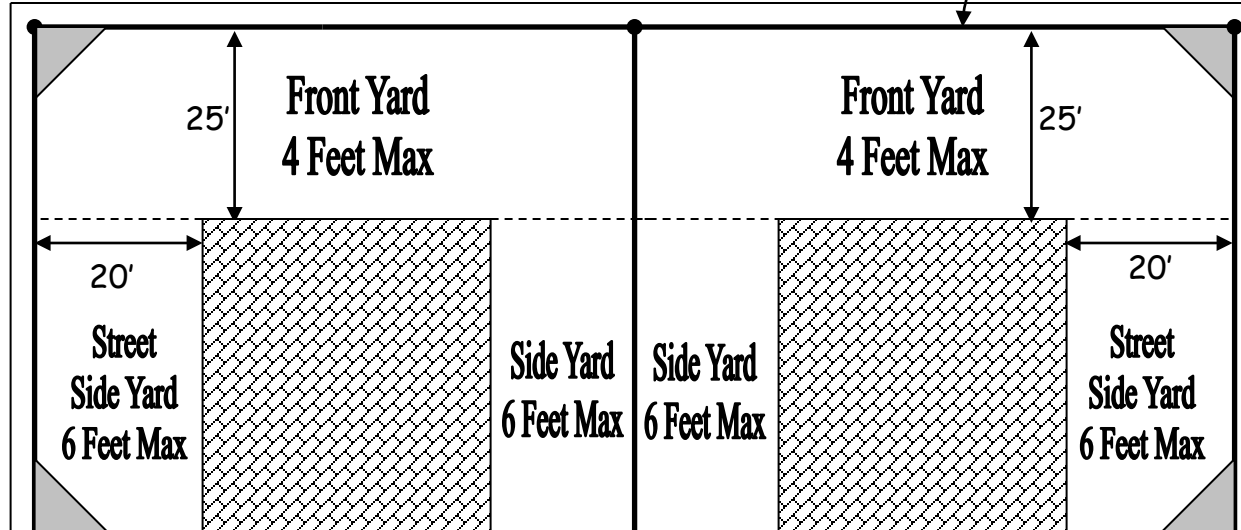
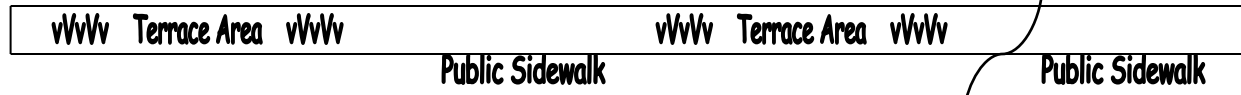
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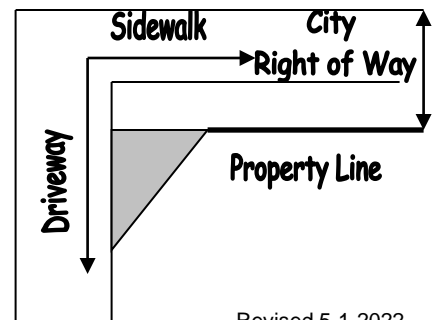
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