

Right-of-Way Occupancy Fences & Retaining Walls

Stairs, Fences, Handrails

All stairs, fences and handrails shall be constructed no closer than 2 feet behind the back of sidewalk, the future back of sidewalk alignment, or the edge of the roadway, and shall meet all applicable ADA, PROWAG and other federal, state and local requirements. Fences must be a maximum of 7 feet in height to be exempt from a Building Permit.

Walls

Where a public wall supports fill material from entering onto the ROW, the wall shall be placed no closer than 2 feet from the back of the sidewalk or future sidewalk. In areas where a wall will be placed to support material within the ROW, care should be taken by the design engineer to provide measures that will assure the safety of both traffic and pedestrians. Walls must be a maximum of 4 feet in height, measured from its footing to the tallest portion of the wall and must not support a surcharge to be exempt from a Building Permit.

Permits Required

[Right-of-Way Construction](#) (RCON) or [Work Order](#) (WO) permits are required for any construction within or alteration to the ROW. [Right-of-Way Occupancy](#) (ROCC) permits may be required.



Note: This Tip Sheet does not substitute for codes and regulations.

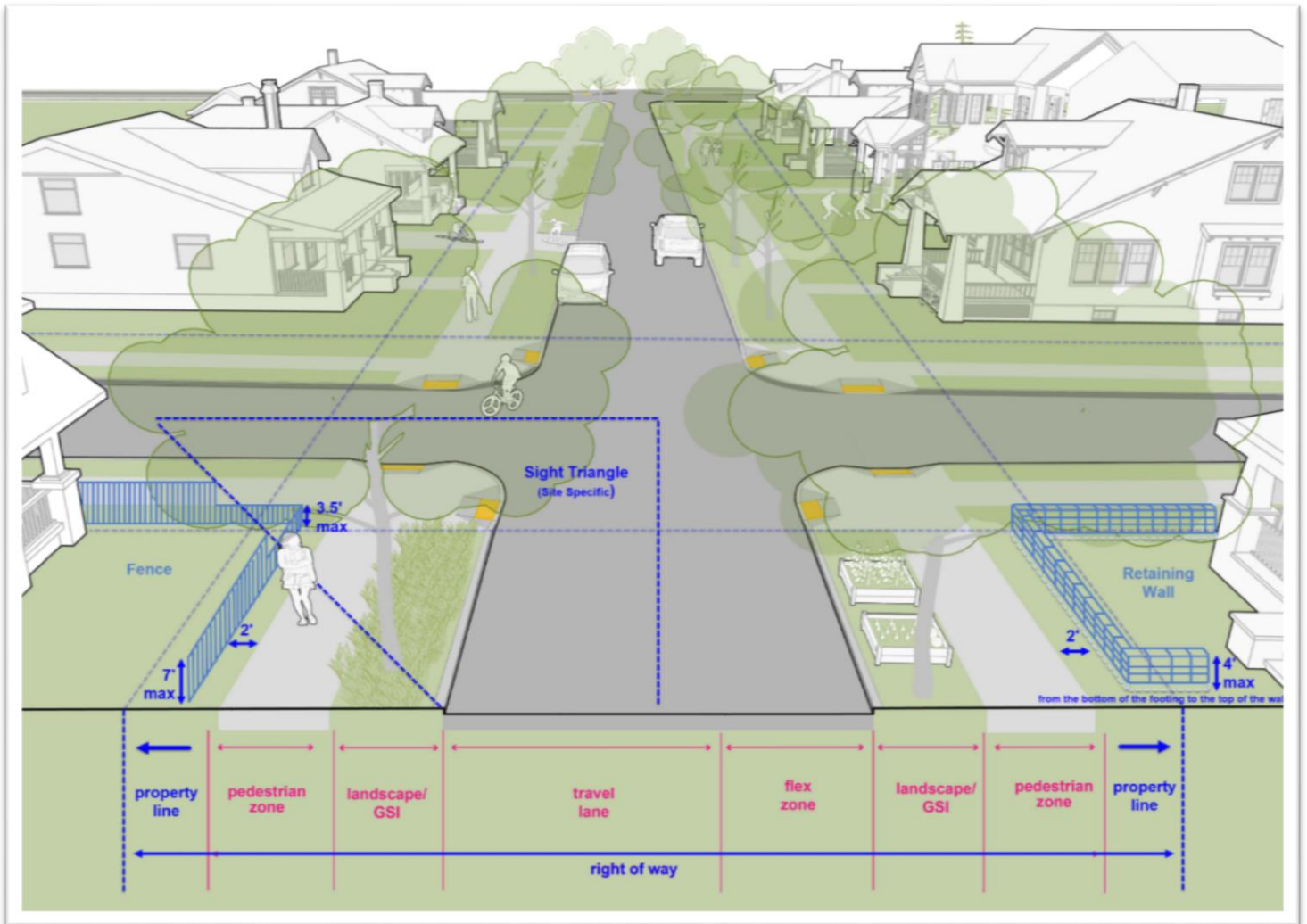
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***Sight Triangle:** Corner Lots, Lots with a driveway accessing a street, Corner lots adjacent to an alley, Lots on an arterial street should contact Traffic Engineering at 253-213-3713 or email at trafficcontrolplans@cityoftacoma.org.



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