

Boulevard Guidelines

BOULEVARD DEFINITION:

This handout is provided to assist property owners in the process of planning any home improvements involving the boulevard. The boulevard is a public right of way acquired by dedication, reservation, prescription or condemnation occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, sidewalk, trail, snow storage, traffic control signs and devices, utilities and utility structures and drainage. Its width varies from 13.5 feet in most urban areas to as much as 21 feet in rural areas. To find its location in relation to your property, find your property pins, review your Certificate of Survey or plat (if applicable) or contact City Hall for assistance.

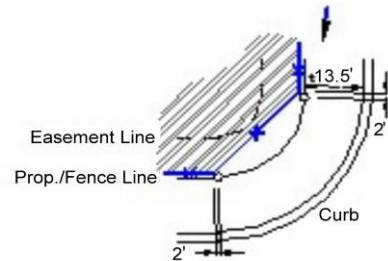
BOULEVARD USE:

No encroachment shall be permitted within eight (8') feet of the curb in urban areas and to the rear of the ditch in rural areas. In the case where there is no ditch, the distance shall be eight (8') feet from the pavement surface. **Trees are not allowed to be planted in the boulevard.** Some improvements to boulevard areas, except within the sight triangle, may be allowed as long as such improvements do not impair, interfere or offer a potential threat of damage to City vehicles when snow plowing. **Fences are not allowed in the boulevard.** The City shall not be responsible or liable for injury to or from improvements in the boulevard. Any city-owned equipment such as sewer and water lines, damaged or impaired by such boulevard improvement, shall be remedied at the residents' cost.

The "Sight Triangle"

The "Sight Triangle" is an area on *corner lots* that must be kept clear of visual impediments for vehicle and pedestrian safety. No improvements are allowed in the "Sight Triangle".

To locate the "Sight Triangle", locate your property pins at each end of the radial curve and measure two feet back along your property line. Connect these two points.



MAINTENANCE:

The owner or occupant of property abutting public right-of-way shall be responsible for maintenance of the boulevard on their property. At a minimum the grass shall be cut and any trees or shrubs shall be maintained. Obstruction of traffic sight lines is not allowed.

PUBLIC USE:

The City, its agents and/or any utility company authorized to use the boulevard areas shall have a right to use and remove any improvements at the residents' expense, and shall not be liable to repair boulevard improvements damaged or removed during authorized work in the boulevard. This includes, but is not limited to, irrigation systems, mailboxes or any kind of landscaping.