



Vision Clearance (Section 2.312.09)

The following information is from Section 2.312.09 of the Keizer Zoning Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No. 98-389.

A vision clearance area shall be maintained where roadways, including streets, alleys, and private points of access, intersect. The vision clearance area shall conform to the following unless it is determined by the Keizer Traffic Engineer that other methods may be more feasible:

- A. Generally. A vision clearance area is a triangular area at the intersection of two streets, or a street and a driveway, two sides of which are lines measured from the corner intersection for a specific distance. The third side of the triangle is a line across the corner of the lot joining the ends of the other two sides. Where the lines at the intersections have rounded corners the lines will be extended in a straight line to a point of intersection. The vision clearance area shall be measured from the point of intersection and extend the designated distance in both directions along the intersection. Where there is no curb, the vision clearance area shall be measured from the edge of the pavement and extend at right angles for the appropriate distance in both directions along the intersection.

- B. Street-Driveway Intersection. A vision clearance area at the intersection of a street and a driveway shall be the triangular area established according to the following procedure:
 - 1. A line extending ten feet from the intersection along the public street right-of-way;
 - 2. A line extending ten feet from the intersection along the driveway;
 - 3. A third line that creates the triangular vision clearance area by connecting the ends of the lines described in (1) and (2), above.
 - 4. This subsection shall apply for street-alley intersections.
 - 5. There is no vision clearance area minimum for driveway/alley intersections.

C. Street-Street Intersections. The vision clearance area for street-street intersections with at least one arterial street shall be computed as above but with legs of 40 feet in each direction. The vision clearance area for street-street intersections along collector and local streets on all approach legs shall be computed as above but with legs of 30 feet in each direction.

D. Prohibited Placement. A vision clearance area shall contain no planting, fence, wall, structure, or temporary or permanent obstruction, placement of a sign exceeding 30 inches in height, measured from the top of the curb or, where no curb exist, from the established street centerline grade. In addition, vehicles shall not be parked in a vision clearance area. The following may be allowed in the vision clearance area:

1. Trees, provided all branches and foliage are removed to a height of seven feet above grade;
2. Telephone, power, and cable television poles; and
3. Telephone switch boxes provided they are less than ten inches wide at the widest dimension.
4. Public or governmental signs.

