



City of Blaine

Residential Guide to Community Standards

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*BCO= Blaine Code of Ordinance

*BZO= Blaine Zoning Ordinance

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Airport Noise 612-726-9411

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RESIDENTIAL GUIDE TO COMMUNITY STANDARDS

ANIMALS

Number and Types of Pets BCO (14-1)

A resident may own up to three (3) domestic pets of any one type, over four months of age. A domestic pet is defined as a dog, cat, bird, or other commonly known house pet. Non-domestic “wild animals” are not permitted.

Domestic farm animals including cattle, horses, sheep, and goats are only permitted in Agricultural (AG) and Farm Residential (FR) zoning districts. Hogs (pot-bellied pigs) are not permitted within any single family zoning district.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

CHICKENS BZO (33.23)

Up to six hens are allowed in residential zonings (R-1, R-1AA, R-1A, R-1B) in the City of Blaine. No Roosters. Please check with your association as chickens may not be permitted in your development. Registration is required and a one-time fee of \$45. Call for verification of zoning and form. The chicken coop does have requirements that need to be followed.

Contact Planning at 763-785-6180 for information and registration form.

Private or Commercial Kennel BCO (14-191)

If a resident owns or boards more than three (3) adult domestic pets of any one type a kennel license is required. Private or commercial kennels are not permitted in residential R-1, R-2, and R-3 zoning districts. A Conditional Use Permit is required to own or operate a private kennel in an Agriculture (AG), or Farm Residential (FR), or Residential Estate (RE) zoning district.

Contact Community Standards 763-785-6187 for additional information.

Dog License BCO (14-171)

All dogs four months of age or older are required to be licensed by the City. A license can be obtained at the City Hall for a small fee. The dog owner must provide evidence that the dog has been vaccinated for rabies. Cat licensing is not required.

Contact Blaine City Hall at 763-784-6700 for additional information.

Leash Law BCO (14-141)

The City of Blaine Leash Ordinance requires that all dogs be under the control of the owner. The code defines a dog to be “at large” if on public or private property unless:

- Under the voice or signed command of a competent person whose command the animal will immediately obey **or** in the immediate presence of the owner **or** controlled by a leash.

An unattended dog or other domestic animal on the property of another without the consent of such property owner is “at large” and not “under restraint”. Animals found at large will be seized by an Animal Control Officer and impounded at the currently contracted impound facility.

Dogs to be kept under restraint BCO (54-74)

All dogs, while on designated city park land or open space, shall be under control and on a leash. Dogs shall only be allowed without a physical restraint in city designated “off-leash areas.”

Contact a Community Service Officer through Anoka County dispatch at 763-427-1212 or you may call 911.

Barking Dogs BCO (14-144)

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor a barking dog. Any dog that barks, bays, cries, howls continuously for a period of ten (10) minutes or barks intermittently for thirty (30) minutes or more is considered a barking dog. A dog is not considered a barking dog if, at the time the dog is barking, a person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon the property upon which the dog is situated or when the dog is teased or provoked.

Contact a Community Service Officer through Anoka County dispatch at 763-427-1212 or you may call 911.

Dog Enclosures (Kennel) BCO (14-143)

Dog enclosures are only permitted in rear yards. Dog enclosures must be located at least thirty (30) feet from the side property line and ten (10) feet from the rear lot line. All enclosures must be screened from adjacent property by coniferous landscaping and/or opaque fencing. Dog enclosures must also be kept in a clean and sanitary condition free of feces, urine, and food scraps.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

Dog Defecation BCO (14-145)

The next time you take Fido outside; please make sure you clean-up after him. As a pet owner you are responsible for your pet. City ordinance requires that pet owners immediately remove any dog waste deposited on public or private land. A person being the owner of or having charge of any animal shall keep their premises free from an unreasonable accumulation of fecal matter. Also, when walking your pet you need to have in your possession a means to collect and dispose of all waste. Picking up shows pride in your community, in yourself, and in your dog. Violation of this ordinance is considered a petty misdemeanor.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

Wild Animal Feeding BCO (14-228)

- (a) *Feeding prohibited.* No person shall feed or allow the feeding of wild or feral animals or of small mammals within the city. Feeding shall mean the provision of any grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, salt licks, or any other food that could attract wild animals. Living food sources such as trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered food for wild animals.
- (b) *Feeding wild birds.* Bird feed may be placed in bird feeding devices and structures solely for the purpose of attracting and feeding wild birds. Bird feeding devices and structures should be placed at a sufficient height or designed to prevent access by wild animals.
- (c) *Exception.* This provision shall not apply to employees or agents of the city, county, state, and the federal government or veterinarians who are acting in the course of their official duties or have wild animals in their custody or under their management.

BLOCK PARTIES

Block parties are permitted without special permit. However, there are several important issues residents should be aware of:

- Selling or dispensing of beer requires a temporary beer license, which must be approved by the City;
- Residents may not barricade or block off streets unless approved by the Blaine Police Department; and
- The City's noise ordinance restricts noisy parties and gatherings. Be conscientious of loud music and the impact to surrounding neighbors.

Contact the Blaine Police Department at 763-785-6168 for additional information or 911 for complaints.

BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE BCO (90-34b)

Residents with property fronting a street right-of-way are responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the boulevard (area between curb line and property line). This would include the mowing of tall grass/weeds, raking of leaves, tree trimming/removal, and sidewalk snow removal.

Fences and conifer trees should not be placed in the street right-of-way. The sight distance triangle at intersections must be kept clear of all plantings.

Please refer to attached diagram illustrating sight distance triangle.

COMPOSTING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS BCO (34-91 thru 34-95)

Yard waste may be composted if the following guidelines are followed:

- Only yard waste, small shrub trimmings or twigs (one-quarter inch diameter maximum), straw, fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells generated from the site on which the composting is located. In addition, commercially available composting ingredients can be placed in a composting container. Pet waste, meat, dairy or whole eggs are not permitted. Compost must be actively turned and watered to avoid odor;
- Composting bins must be located in the rear yard with a minimum setback distance of five (5) feet from all property lines; and
- Composting material must be contained in bins with the following dimensions.
Bin volume of 100 cubic feet on lots smaller than 10,000 square feet and 150 cubic feet on lots greater than 10,000 square feet. The maximum height of the composting container shall be five feet.

See Section "Yard Waste (Brush, Wood, Leaves, and Grass Clippings) for additional information on disposal options and the Anoka County composting sites.

For further information relating to composting, call the Anoka County Extension Office at 763-755-1280.

CURFEW BCO (50-281 thru 50-286)

The conduct of minors in public places during nighttime hours is regulated by City curfew as follows:

Age Group

12	Sun-Thurs.	9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
	Fri-Sat	10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
12-14	Sun-Thurs.	10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
	Fri-Sat.	11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
15-17	Sun-Thurs.	11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.
	Fri-Sat.	12:01 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.

Contact the Blaine Police Department for additional information 763-785-6168 or 911 for complaints.

DRIVEWAYS BZO (Per Standards Section)

A permit is not required for new driveway construction or improvement. Depending on zoning districts, driveways cannot be constructed closer than three (3) feet (R-1, R-1AA,) or five (5) feet (AG, FR, RE, R-1A, R-2) from the adjacent property line. All driveways and approaches must be hard surface using concrete or blacktop. Driveways cannot exceed a total of 45% of the area of the front yard and corner side yard with a maximum width of 36 feet beyond the public right-of-way. The driveway width in the public right-of-way cannot exceed 24 feet for single-family lots with less than 70 feet of frontage or 30 feet for lots with 70 feet or more of frontage.

Please refer to attached diagrams illustrating driveway setback & size. *If you have any questions regarding the construction of a new driveway or upgrade an existing driveway, please consult a City Planner (763-785-6180).*

ENCROACHMENTS BZO (33.12)

In any yard, overhanging roof eaves, open terraces, marquees, flues, sills, lintels, pilasters, cornices, butters, open canopies, open porches not enclosed by walls, screens, windows or doors and awnings attached to the principal building, not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the depth of the front or rear yards or twenty-five percent (25%) of the width of the side yards. Chimneys, flagpoles, ornamental features, sidewalks, fences, landscaping, posts or other similar amenities are permitted. Yard lights and name plate signs in residential districts, provided such lights and signs are three (3) feet or more from all lot lines. Lights for illuminating parking and loading areas or yards for safety and security purposes may be provided where necessary, provided that the glare is not visible from public right-of-way or adjacent residential property and downcast. On corner lots, encroachments are not permitted in excess of thirty (30) inches above the curb line within the sight distance triangle of the street intersection.

Front yard: balconies and patios are permitted. Please contact the Planning Department at 763-785- 6180 to discuss your specific project and site requirements.

Rear yard: balconies, breezeways, detached picnic shelters, or swimming pools are permitted, provided they are ten (10) feet from all property lines. Recreational equipment, uncovered porches, patios, picnic tables, open arbors, trellises, clotheslines, satellite dishes exceeding 24 inches in diameter, detached outdoor living or eating areas are permitted provided they are not less than five (5) feet from any lot line.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

FENCES BZO (33.09)

It is the homeowner's responsibility to verify specific zoning requirements or neighborhood covenants which may impact your project.

The City requires a building permit for the construction of a new yard fence or if an existing fence is substantially altered. The owner/contractor is responsible for locating the property corner markers prior to applying for a fence permit. The following fence guidelines must be followed:

- Seasonal fences (snow or garden) are permitted without permit;
- Post framework must be placed within property line of the owner. The fencing material, such as lumber, pickets, etc., shall be placed on the side of the fence, which faces the street or adjacent property;
- All fences must be constructed in a workmanlike manner and be maintained in a state of reasonable repair; and
- The following fence height and location requirements must be met:

Front Yard Maximum height of four (4) feet in front of residential structure. The front yard of a corner lot shall not contain any fence, which may cause a danger to traffic on a street by obscuring view. On corner lots, no fence shall be constructed within the sight distance triangle.

Front Corner Side Yard Maximum height of four (4) feet when placed at property line. Maximum height of six (6) feet with a minimum setback of one (1) foot.

Side Yard Maximum height of six (6) feet.

Rear Yard Maximum height of six (6) feet along rear yard not adjacent or fronting public right-of-way.

Maximum height of four (4) feet along rear yards adjacent or fronting public right-of-way when placed at property line. Or six (6) feet with a minimum setback of one (1) foot.

Please refer to attached diagram illustrating fence location and setbacks.

Call the Building Inspection Department at 763-785-6170 for specific questions and permit information.

FIREARMS/HUNTING BCO (50-115 thru 50-116)

The discharge of deadly weapons is prohibited within City limits. Deadly weapons include all firearms, bow and arrows when arrows are point tipped, BB guns and air rifles, and sling shots.

The Blaine Police Department may issue temporary bow and arrow deer hunting authorization for certain designated properties within Blaine.

Persons owning property within designated hunting areas must obtain a permit for each person who will be hunting on their property and the permit must be in the hunters' possession. All regulations established by the Department of Natural Resources regarding hours, limit, zones, shall be adhered to.

Call the Blaine Police Department at 763-785-6168 for specific questions and regulatory information.

GARAGE SALES BZO (33.11 (c) (13))

Garage sales are permitted without special permit if they meet the following standards:

- Sale can last no longer than three (3) days and are held no more than twice yearly;
- No goods purchased for sale or consignment goods may be offered for resale; and
- All signs advertising the sale must be placed on private property with owner's permission and removed after the sale. Sign size may not exceed 2 feet x 3 feet.

Call Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for questions.

GARBAGE COLLECTION & PLACEMENT BCO (62-33)

Garbage containers should not be left at the curbside for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

Please remember to wash containers as necessary to prevent nuisance odors.

CITY STREET OR PUBLIC RIGHT –OF- WAY OBSTRUCTION BCO (70-3)

- (a) No person shall create an obstruction on any public street through the placement or storage of items not otherwise authorized for use on the public street. This shall include, but is not limited to, refuse, refuse/recycling/yard waste containers, basketball hoops, fencing, landscape materials, sports nets/goals, or any other tangible object that may hinder free and open passage over that or any part of the public street.

Call Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for questions.

HOME BUSINESS BZO (33.11)

Home businesses operating in residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 and RE) zoning districts are permitted without a Conditional Use Permit if the following criteria are met:

- No exterior storage of any materials or business equipment;
- Business must be conducted within residential dwelling and does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of total floor area of residence;
- No employment of persons not residing at residence; and
- Less than four (4) customers daily and no openly displayed merchandise offered for sale within residence.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for standards relating to home businesses operating in AG and FR zoning districts.

HOME DAY CARE

Home Day Care businesses are licensed and inspected by Anoka County.

Call Anoka County (763-422-7146) with specific questions or complaints.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Safely disposing of household hazardous wastes is now more convenient for Blaine residents. The Anoka County household hazardous waste drop-off facility, accepts the following types of wastes: pesticides, liquid paint (oil base and latex), mercury, paint thinner, paint stripper, wood preservatives, gasoline, fuels, aerosol cans (if not empty), driveway sealer, used motor oil, used oil filters, antifreeze and other products that are corrosive, flammable, combustible or poisonous. Wastes not collected include wastes generated from businesses, schools, or organizations: agricultural pesticides, appliances, batteries, dried paint, empty containers, fluorescent lamps, medical wastes, radioactive wastes, railroad ties or unidentified waste. Persons dropping off waste will have to show proof of Anoka County residency with a valid driver's license or some other type of identification.

For more information call an Anoka County Hazardous Waste Specialist at (763) 323-5730.
Location: 3230 101st Avenue NE, Blaine (near the airport, just off Radisson Road).

NOISE BCO (50-201 thru 50-203)

The City Noise Ordinance is in effect between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 am. During this period the following activities are restricted.

- Operation of tools and domestic maintenance equipment (lawnmowers, chainsaws, tillers etc);
- Repair or servicing of vehicles if noise is audible beyond property line;
- Exterior construction or remodeling;
- The use of electronic or audio sound if plainly audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet or more; and
- Noisy parties or gatherings audible at a distance of fifty (50) feet.

Call Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for questions or the Blaine Police Department (911) for complaints.

PARKING BZO 33.14 (k) & BCO 82-151

The following parking requirements apply to residential properties: (R-1, R-1A, R-1AA, R-1B, R-2, DF and RF). Questions and complaints can be directed to Community Standards at 785-6187. ***Please refer to the attached diagram illustrating parking requirements.***

Front Yard and Corner Side Yard

Parking of currently licensed and operable vehicles, RV's and trailers permitted on paved driveways only.

Side Yard

Storage of currently licensed and operable cars, RVs, trailers, and toppers is permitted if side yard setback is met (3 feet or 5 feet depending on zoning district).

Rear Yard (on grass)

Limited to recreational vehicles that are currently licensed and operable (RVs, trailers, and toppers) and one passenger sized collector vehicle, as defined by state statute. The collector vehicle must be licensed, appear operable, and screened from all sides by six (6) foot high 100% opaque fence (fence permit required). The collector vehicle may not be stored in rear yard for more that two (2) years. All vehicles parked in rear yard must meet required driveway setbacks.

Rear Yard (on driveway)

Passenger vehicle parking is permitted in the rear yard if a paved driveway extends to a detached garage that serves as the sole garage for the residence. Vehicles may not be stored off the paved surface.

Vehicle Weight Restrictions

No vehicles in excess of 12,000 lb. (GVW) are permitted in residential areas.

Street Parking Regulations

To avoid costly tickets and towing, remember that vehicles cannot be parked on public streets for more than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours. From November 1 to April 1, no parking is permitted on public streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Vehicles violating the winter parking rules will be fined for illegal parking and towed at owner's expense.

Parking During Snowfall BCO (82-152)

It shall be unlawful to park or permit to be parked, or to continue to park or permit to stand, any vehicle upon any street after two inches or more of snowfall, until such time as the snow has been plowed from the street, curb to curb.

Contact the Blaine Police Department at 763-785-6168 for additional information or (911) for complaints.

RADIO TOWERS (Height Limitations) BZO (33.18)

Radio towers less than fifty feet (50) in height are permitted in residential areas. Any tower over 50 feet in height requires a Conditional Use Permit and must meet the following standards:

- The tower cannot be located within 350 feet of residentially zoned property;
- Height of structure does not exceed 150 feet;
- Tower cannot be located in front yard and be of minimal visibility;
- No signage or lighting other than that required by FAA and FCC; and
- Tower cannot interfere with reception or transmission of radio or television service of neighboring properties.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

RECREATIONAL FIRES/OPEN BURNING BCO (38-73)

Recreational fires are permitted within residential areas without a Fire Department permit if the following rules are observed:

- Only cut firewood burning is permitted. No open burning of lumber, pallets, leaves, cardboard, garbage etc., is allowed;
- Fire must be contained in ring or pit not exceeding three feet in diameter;
- Fire rings or pits must be located a minimum distance of 25 feet away from combustible structures. Portable fire pits or bowls (raised off ground) can be placed 10 feet away from combustible structures if unit has a spark screen cover;
- Fire must be attended by adult and a means to extinguish must be readily available; and
- Fires not permitted on windy days or during a local fire ban in effect.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

RECYCLING

The following area businesses will accept items from the public for recycling. Call for hours and fees.

Appliances

Green Lights Recycling
10040 Davenport St. NE
Blaine MN
763-785-0456

[Alter Trading \(call to verify appliance type\)](#)
2905 North Ferry St.
Anoka MN
763-421-1187

Electronics-Florescent Lights-Ballasts-Batteries

Green Lights Recycling
10040 Davenport St. NE
Blaine MN
763-785-0456

Scrap Metal

BFI Transfer Station
Naples St. NE
Blaine MN
763-784-2104

[Alter Trading](#)
2905 North Ferry St.
Anoka MN
763-421-1187

Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

The City of Blaine provides residents with (3) choices for curbside pick-up. They are: 1) Premium Service - \$58.50/Quarter - (up to 3, 96-Gallon Carts, each holds 7 to 10 kitchen garbage bags); 2) 68-Gallon Cart Service - \$43.50/quarter - (holds 4 to 5 kitchen garbage bags) or 3) 38-Gallon Cart Service - \$33.00/quarter - (holds 2 to 3 kitchen garbage bags). All service levels include unlimited recycling and the collection of properly bundled brush and Christmas trees. For additional information regarding waste pick-up options, please call [786-785-6192](tel:786-785-6192).

IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

1. If you do not have the unlimited service level, then you must contact [Walters Recycling and Refuse at 763-780-8464](tel:763-780-8464), before your pick-up day, to make arrangements to have any bulk items picked-up.
2. All appliances and bulk item services are to be pre-paid.
3. Services following a Holiday may be delayed one day depending on which day of the week the Holiday falls. Please consult the calendar, the Walters Recycling and Refuse website, or our website to see if your service day will be affected.
4. **Please note that garbage and recycling collection begins at 7:00 am. Please have your carts out at the curb by 7:00 am to avoid the chance of being missed.**

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING SURFACES (EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE) BCO (18-301 - 18-343)

All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment. The following items will require corrective action:

- Exterior surfaces including siding, fascia, or roof surfaces which are missing, rotting, lacking paint, or having peeling paint over 20% of any one side or 10% of all sides combined;
- Missing exterior doors or broken windows;
- Decks or exterior stairs which have any structural defects which create an immediate hazard or have over 20% rotting or missing structural components and structural deterioration creating a danger of collapse.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information. For financial assistance and other home improvement information call 612-335-5869.

RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR STORAGE BCO (18-261 thru 18-264)

Personal property should generally be stored inside. Storage of yard maintenance equipment, toys, and non-permanent recreational equipment are permitted if not stored outside for periods longer than 72 consecutive hours. Vehicles and ornamental yard enhancements (landscaping, light poles, trellises, benches designed and intended for exterior use, and other permanent improvements designed to enhance the appearance of the yard) are excluded from this standard.

Portable storage or moving containers (POD's) are only allowed when ownership of a home is transferred. POD'S are permitted on the driveway only (not in street or on the lawn). POD's are also permitted in cases of fire when an active building permit is obtained for rebuilding.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

SATELLITE DISHES BZO (33.12 (d))

Satellite dishes exceeding 24 inches in diameter must be located in the rear yard at a distance of five (5) feet from adjacent property lines.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS BCO (34-241 thru 34-246)

The Blaine City Ordinance requires that septic tanks be pumped and inspected every three years by a certified pumper.

Questions relating to pumping requirements should be directed to the Building Department at 763-785-6170.

SHEDS BZO (29.35, 29.3005 & 29.3015)

It is the homeowner's responsibility to verify specific zoning requirements or neighborhood covenants which may impact your project.

City zoning requirements limits the number of sheds to one (1) rear yard or side yard shed in residential zoning districts (R-1, R-1AA, R-1A).

- Sheds (greater than 120 square feet) must be located in rear yard and meet required setback distance of five (5) foot to side and rear property lines. In R-1, sheds (less than 120 square feet in area) must be located in rear yard not less than one (1) foot from side and rear property lines. Sheds may be permitted in the side yard with the approval of the Zoning Administrator only if there is a door on the same side of the single family dwelling that is accessible to living space. Side yard shed approval will also be based on a screening plan consisting of privacy fencing and or landscaping to minimize the impact to adjacent properties;
- Sheds must be kept three (3) feet from the house and three (3) feet from the garage. Sheds placed within drainage or utility easement must be placed or constructed in a way that does not limit use of easement, alter drainage, or negatively impact adjacent properties. These sheds are also at risk of removal by the City or other agencies that have legal use of easement.
- Maximum floor area of 200 square feet. Fifteen (15) foot maximum at highest point.
- **If floor area of shed exceeds 120 square feet, a building permit and inspection is required (outside dimensions); and**
- The architectural style and color of shed must be compatible to the principal structure.

Please refer to attached diagram illustrating shed location and setbacks.

Contact the Building Inspection Department at 763-785-6170 for specific questions and permit information.

SNOW REMOVAL BCO (70-2 thru 70-4)

Residents with property fronting a sidewalk are responsible for sidewalk snow removal within forty-eight (48) hours after the snow has ceased. The City, at the expense of the owner of the abutting property, will remove any snow that has not been cleared. Certain sidewalks may be exempt from this requirement where circumstances make it difficult for the adjacent property owner to keep the sidewalk free from snow.

Can you push snow into the street? It is against state law to deposit snow, slush or ice in the street or private property without permission. It can also cause hazardous driving conditions for your neighbors.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS BCO (86-7)

- (a) Lawn and garden sprinkling and the use of irrigation systems will be permitted for properties having odd numbered addresses only on odd numbered days and for properties that have even numbered addresses on even numbered days.
- (b) From May 15 through September 15 lawn and garden sprinkling will be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.
- (c) Exceptions:
 - (1) This section does not apply to private wells
 - (2) City owned athletic fields
 - (3) Hand watering of gardens or trees using a hand held hose.
 - (4) Watering of new landscaping, sod or seed within 30 days of installation

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works Utility Department at 763-785-6165.

STREET LIGHTS

Have a street light out – please report it directly to the electric company. Street lights above signal lights and on local bridges should also be reported to the electric company.

The City of Blaine does own a few street lights around town (along Cloverleaf Parkway (between 65 and Polk St), south of Cloverleaf on London St, HWY 65 service drive along and Pheasant Ridge Parkway (from Lexington to the west border of Aveda). If you have a street light that is out please call your electric company unless it is in the area listed above then please contact Public Works at 763-785-6165.

Swimming Pool (Residential) Regulations in Blaine BCO (18-381 thru 18-424)

A building permit is required for the installation of any swimming pool except private residential prefabricated pools entirely above ground which do not exceed both 5,000 gallons and 24" in depth (to determine gallons, search "pool gallon calculator" online). This permit will include the required barrier/fencing.

All swimming pool, pool noise-making equipment, and pool deck surrounds / patios have setback and location requirements to property lines, easements and utility lines.

All swimming pools are required to be enclosed by protective fences / barriers.

Pools may not be drained directly into the storm sewer system, or onto a neighboring property. Instead, water should be drained across an open grass area to keep chemicals and unnecessary large volumes of water out of the storm sewer system.

Every swimming pool shall be under the supervision of a capable individual who shall assume the responsibility for compliance with all parts of Article IX - Swimming Pools - in the Blaine Code of ordinances.

A "Swimming Pool" is defined as any structure, chamber, or tank containing an artificial body of water for swimming, diving, relaxation, or recreational use. Hot tubs, spas, and inflatable pools are considered pools.

For more details please see the Swimming Pools Handout at BlaineMN.gov under "Building Inspections".

TRAFFIC VISIBILITY BCO (82-231 thru 82-233)

On all corner lots, no fence, object, or planting in excess of thirty (30) inches in height is allowed in the sight distance triangle.

Please refer to attached diagram illustrating sight distance triangle location.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

TREE PRESERVATION BZO (33.10)

Residents are allowed to remove two (2) significant (greater than 8 inch diameter) trees per year from privately owned property. Trees removed because they pose a hazard to structures, traffic, power lines, or sewer systems are exempt from these requirements. An approved Forest Management Plan is required if more than two significant trees per year are removed from non-developing lots or parcels (lots without a City construction or grading permit).

On developing lots (lots with a construction or grading permit) a tree preservation plan must be submitted for City approval prior to site grading or excavation. Prior to site disturbance the site shall be staked and fenced for tree preservation plan. All significant trees removed or fatally damaged must be replaced on-site or in the form of a payment of a fee to the City Restoration Fund.

Contact the City Forester at 763-717-2660 for specific questions.

TREE (ENCROACHING BRANCHES OR ROOTS)

Property owners in every state have the right to prune branches or roots of a neighbor's tree that encroaches onto their property. But there are limitations:

- You can prune only up to the property line – at your own expense;
- You need permission to enter onto the neighbor's property to do the pruning. Without permission you are trespassing;
- You cannot cut down a tree, whose trunk is located on your neighbor's property, even if the branches stray onto your property. Trees that grow on the boundary line between two properties are usually treated as common property. So when a broken limb or a tree disease becomes a problem, both property owners share the responsibility for the cost of fixing the problem; and
- **Most Important:** You cannot jeopardize the health of the tree. For example, if you trim an oak tree and the tree develops oak wilt or if you cut tree roots which cause the tree to weaken or die, you can be held liable to the tree owner for any harm done.

Remember to talk to your neighbor about the problem before you take any action. It is common sense and common courtesy that you tell your neighbor before you do any major pruning to their tree.

Contact the City Forester at 763-717-2660 for additional information.

TREE (“HAZARD” TREES AND LIMBS) BCO (90-71 thru 90-80)

If your neighbor's tree is unsound and threatens your property, your neighbor is liable to you for any damage that occurs. The test is whether the tree owner knew or should have known that damage was likely. A tree owner is not expected to be a tree expert, but they are expected to recognize obvious symptoms of a problem, such as the unseasonable lack of leaves, a dead limb, visible decay, or a tree leaning dangerously to one side. A “hazard” tree is a tree with a defect plus a target, like the swing set in your yard, your garage, or your house.

If you have a concern about a particular tree in your yard or neighborhood please contact the City Forester at 763-717-2660 for a hazard tree evaluation.

VEHICLES

Junk Vehicles BCO (34-322)

City of Blaine does not allow the parking or storage of stock cars, race cars, or junk vehicles. All vehicles need to be in an operable condition, currently licensed, and licensed to the occupants of the property or their guests.

Vehicle Repair BCO (34-323)

Residents are not allowed to repair or do maintenance work on vehicles on public streets or on private land unless vehicle is enclosed in a garage or storage building. Residential vehicle repair businesses are not permitted.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

WEEDS AND TALL GRASS BCO (90-31 thru 90-37)

Homeowners are required to mow and maintain their residential property. Weeds and grass growing to a height of greater than six (6) inches, or have gone to seed, on any platted lot or outlot, is in violation of City Ordinance. Native prairie lawns, approved by the City, are exempt from provisions of this Ordinance.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

WOOD STORAGE BCO (34-415 thru 34-416)

Firewood may be stored in the side or rear yard no closer than five feet from property line unless screened by a solid fence or wall. Wood needs to be stored in neat and secure stacks. A maximum of four (4) stacks not exceeding five (5) foot height is allowed. Combined stacks may not exceed a volume of five (5) feet high by ten (10) feet by twenty-five (25) feet long.

Firewood may be stored next to structures.

Contact Community Standards at 763-785-6187 for additional information.

YARD WASTE (BRUSH, WOOD, LEAVES, AND GRASS CLIPPINGS)

Brush (pieces 3 inches in diameter and smaller) BCO 34-322

City ordinance does not allow the outdoor storage of brush or trimmings from your trees and shrubs. Curbside brush pick-up is available at no extra charge to Blaine residents as part of your regular garbage service from May to November. Brush pick-up will be the same day as your regular garbage day; however the brush must be bundled, not exceed 4 feet in length and bundles must be less than 2 feet in diameter. If you have any questions about brush pick-up, call the City's Recycling Coordinator at 763-785-6192.

If you need to dispose of wood (larger than 4 inches in diameter) disposal is available at the following locations. Please call ahead to verify hours of operation and cost.

- Anoka County
Bunker Hills (13285 Hanson Boulevard, Coon Rapids)
Rice Creek Chain of Lakes (7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes)
Call (763) 767-7964 for fee information
- USA/Gallagher's
1691 91st Ave. NE, Blaine, Phone – 763-784-4772;
- Walter's Recycling & Refuse,
2830 101st Ave. NE, Blaine, Phone – 763-780-8464;
- Elk River Landfill,
22460 Highway 169, Elk River, Phone – 763-441-2464;
- Ceres chip site,
3825 85th Ave, Maple Grove, Phone – 763-425-8822;
- SRC, Inc.,
6320 East Viking Blvd., Wyoming, Phone – 651-464-2321

Yard Waste (Leaves and Grass Clippings)

Call Walters Recycling & Refuse at 763-780-8464 or go to: <http://waltersrecycling.com/blaine> for curbside pickup information or recycle at the following Anoka County composting sites. Please call 763-767-7964 for composting site hours and cost.

- **Bunker Hills site (13285 Hanson Boulevard, Coon Rapids)**
- **Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Compost site (7701 Main Street, Lino Lakes)**

Accepted Materials: leaves, grass clippings, garden wastes, weeds, soft-bodied green-plant materials, pumpkins, pine cones and needles, sod (residential quantities) and acorns.

Preparation Requirements: yard waste must be free of garbage and debagged on site; any bags or containers used to transport the yard waste must be brought back home for reuse.

Finished Compost Information: Screened and unsorted compost is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call NRG at 763-767-7964 for finished compost availability and pricing.

The compost sites will accept tree waste (brush, logs and stumps) at both sites. There is a variable fee for tree waste depending on the size and amount of material. Tree waste should be cut into lengths no greater than 4-6 feet. Call 763-767-7964 for fee information.

If you have questions on the City of Blaine yard waste program or the Anoka County compost sites in general, call 763-785-6192 or e-mail rhaver@ci.blaine.mn.us for more information.

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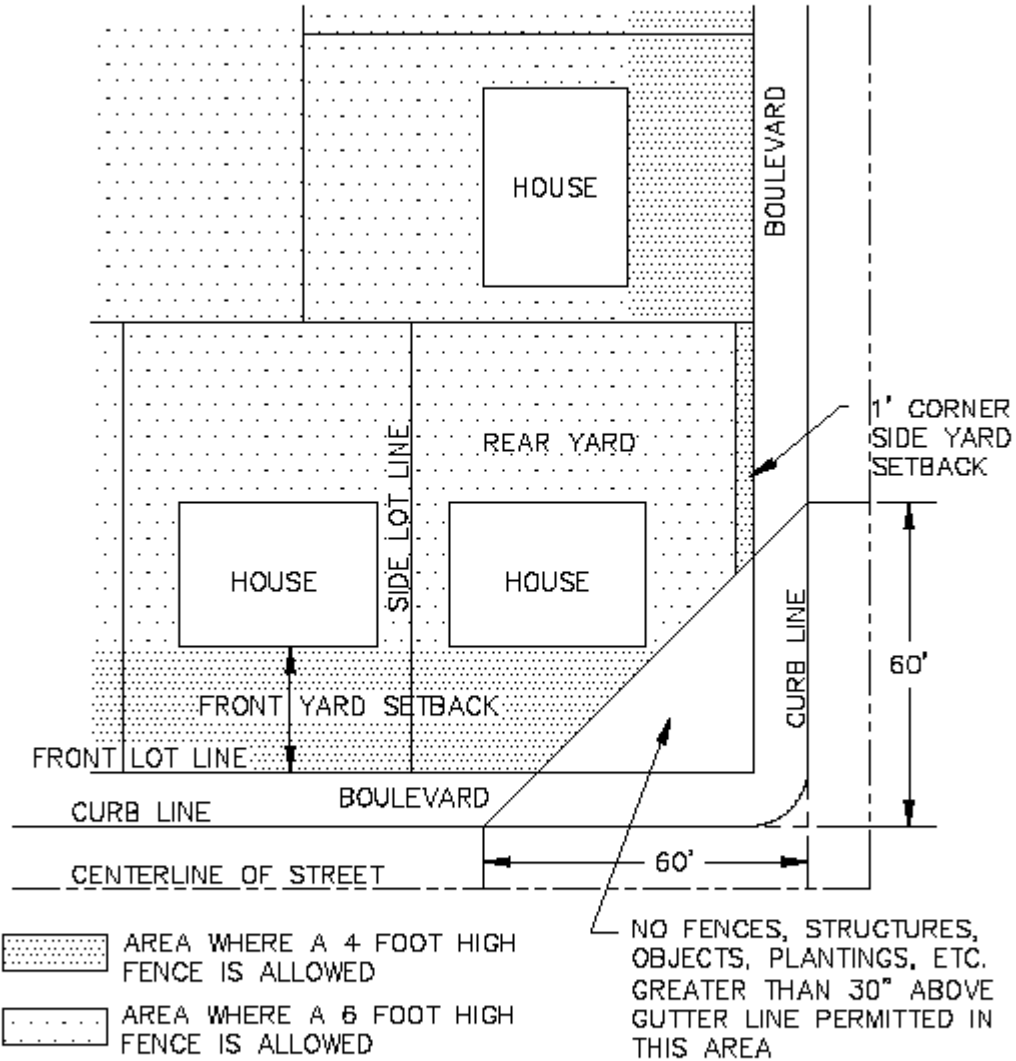
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FENCE SETBACKS

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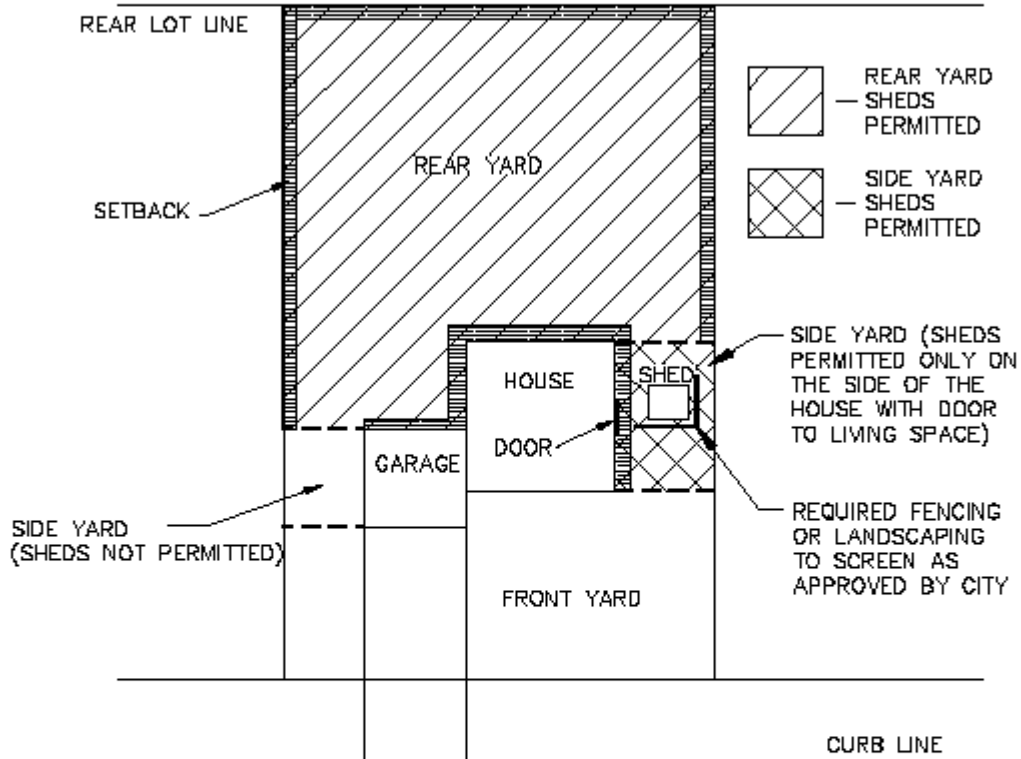
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SHEDS IN SIDE OR REAR YARD EASEMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. SHEDS IN SIDE OR REAR YARD EASEMENTS SHALL NOT HAVE A CONCRETE FLOOR.



- SHED SETBACKS: _____ CENTERLINE OF STREET
- ONE (1) FOOT FROM PROPERTY LINE (ONLY IN R-1) WITH SHEDS LESS THAN 120 SQ.FT.
 - FIVE (5) FEET FROM PROPERTY LINE
 - SIX (6) FEET FROM HOUSE
 - THREE (3) FEET FROM GARAGE
 - NO SHEDS PERMITTED IN ZONING DISTRICT R-1B.

RESIDENTIAL SHED LOCATION

Date: 3/09/2007

Plate No. CS-2



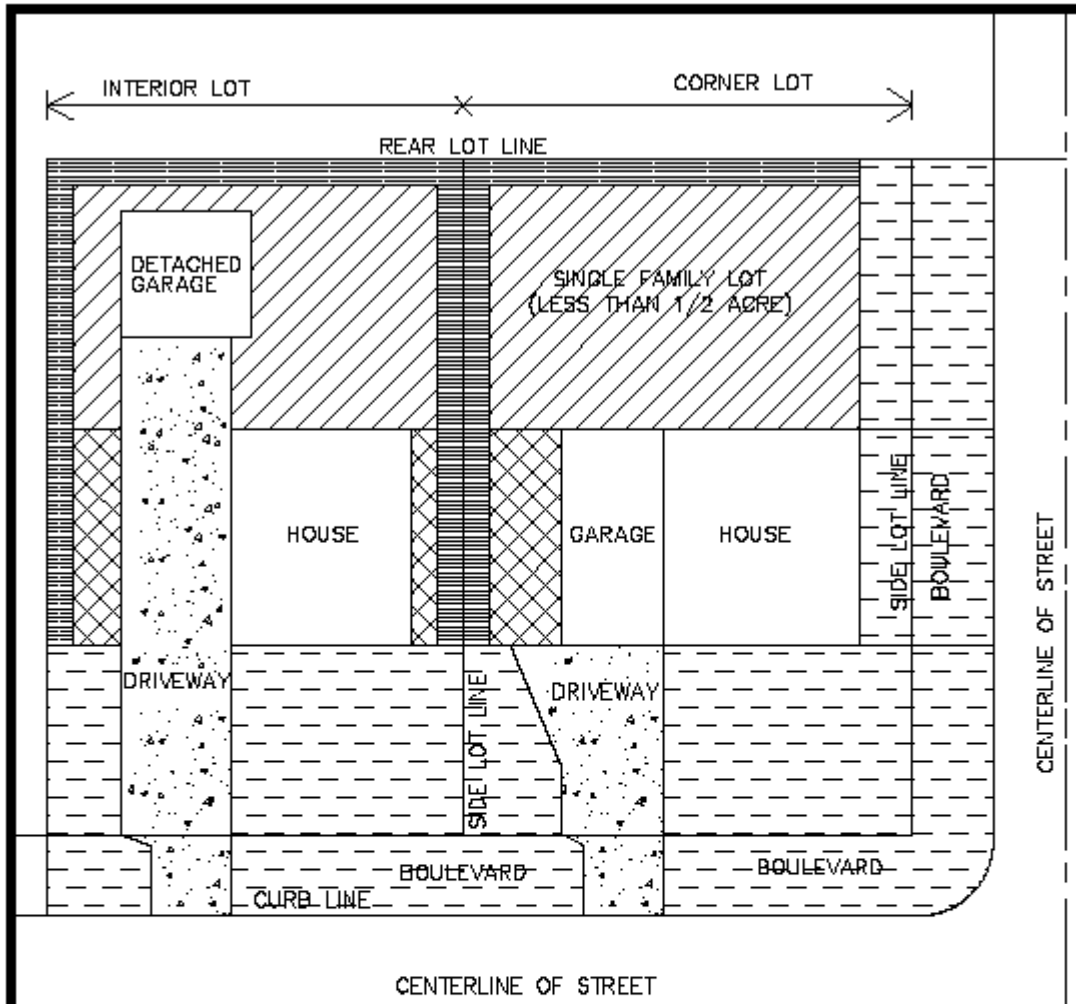
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NOTES

-  - Front yard : All vehicles & trailers need to be on paved driveway. See driveway standard for size requirements.
-  - Side yard : Vehicle & trailer parking allowed on grass.
-  - Rear yard : Recreational vehicles (RV's, snowmobiles, truck campers, etc.) can be stored on grass.
-  - Setback : 3 or 5 feet depending on zoning district

Parking in rear yard allowed if paved driveway extends to detached garage.
Vehicles must be stored on driveway surface.

Date: 3/09/2007 **PARKING STANDARDS** Plate No. CS-3



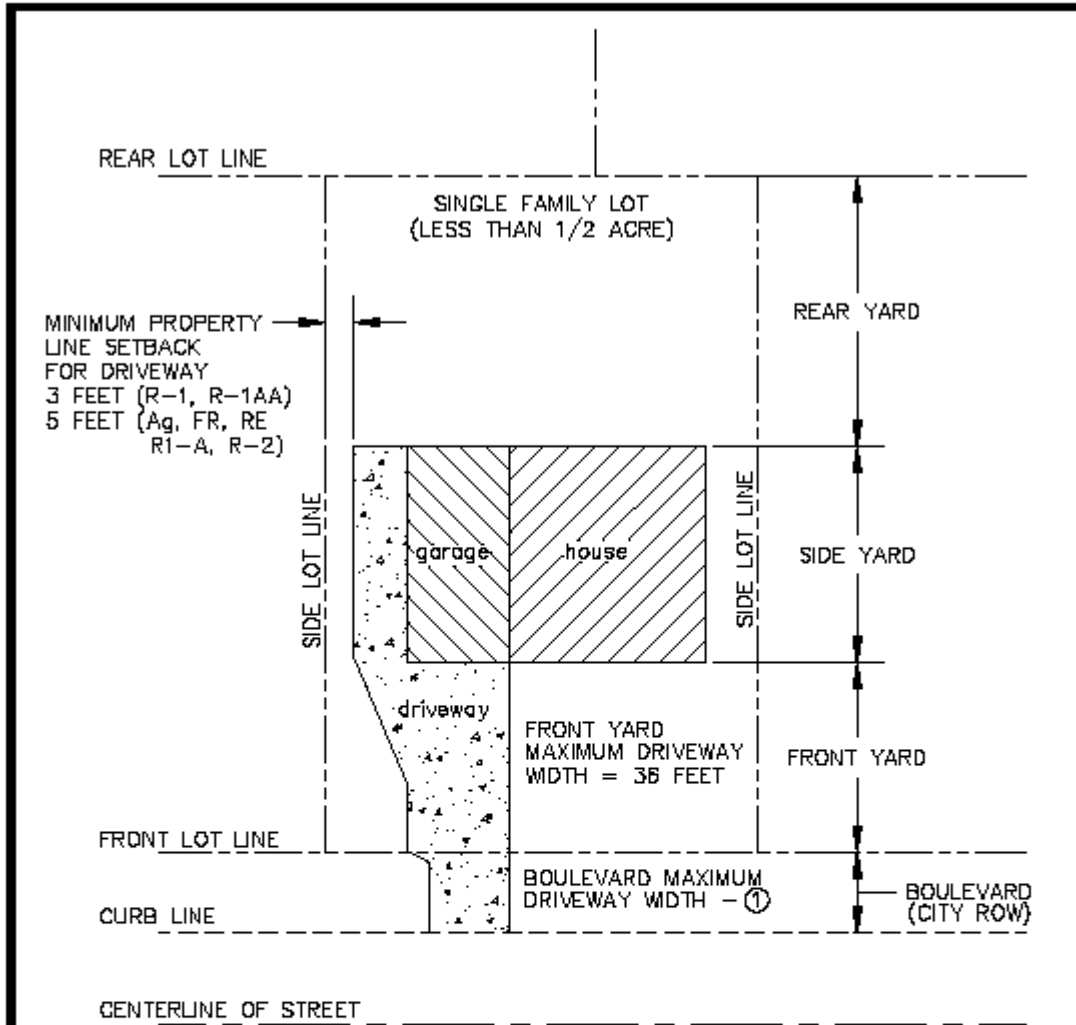
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NOTES

- ① - Maximum driveway width in boulevard: 24 Feet (lots less than 70 feet wide)
30 Feet (lots 70 feet and wider)
- 2 - All driveways must be hardsurfaced as follows: 2" of bituminous with 4" class 5 aggregate base; 4" concrete with 10-10 woven wire mesh or fiber mesh; 6" concrete; or paver bricks, type and design as approved by City Engineer.
- 3 - Total driveway area can not exceed a total of 45% of front yard area or 36' in width.

Date: 3/12/2007 DRIVEWAY STANDARDS Plate No. CS-4



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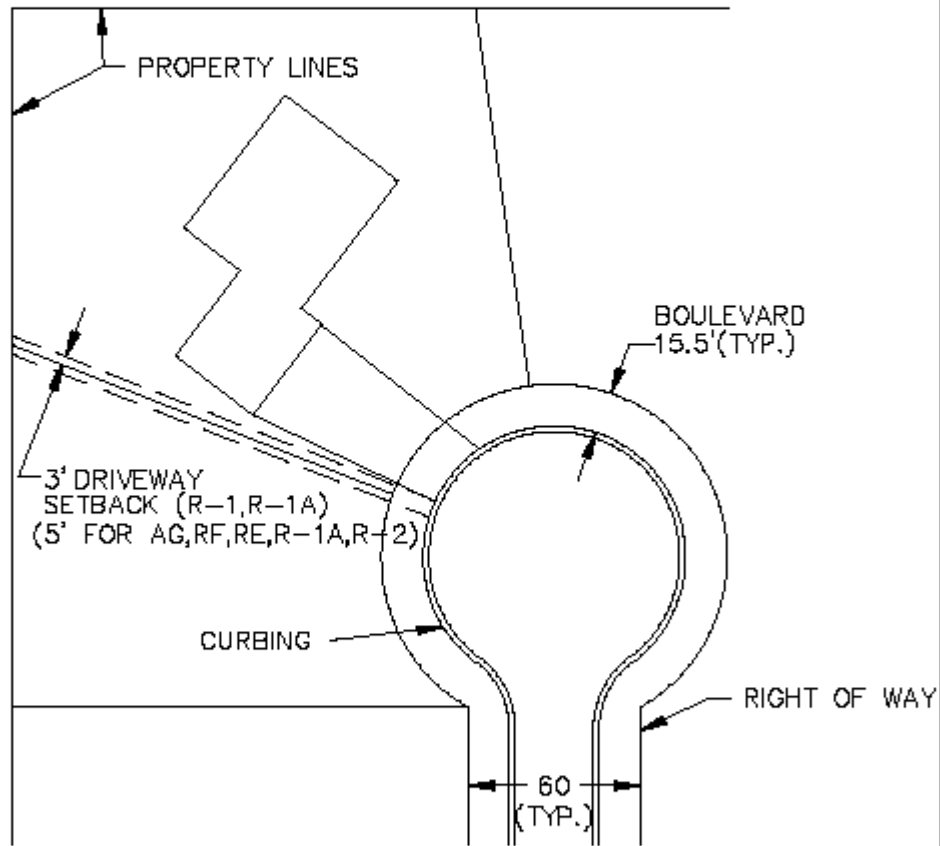
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RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY NOTES:

- Minimum width = 12', maximum width = 30' (lots 70' and greater)
maximum for lots under 70' shall be 24'.
- Minimum slope = 3%, maximum slope = 10%.
- Driveway shall be constructed of one of the following:
 - 2" bituminous wear with 4" Class 5 aggregate base;
 - 4" concrete with 10-10 waven wire mesh, or fiber mesh
 - 6" concrete; or
 - paver bricks, type and design as approved by Engineering Department.
- Drainage swales on property lines must be maintained.

RURAL DRIVEWAY NOTES:

- First 35' from paved city street must be paved as above.
Remaining driveway must be a minimum 10' feet wide and meet
a 5 ton design to within 100' of any structure.



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DRIVEWAY LOCATION

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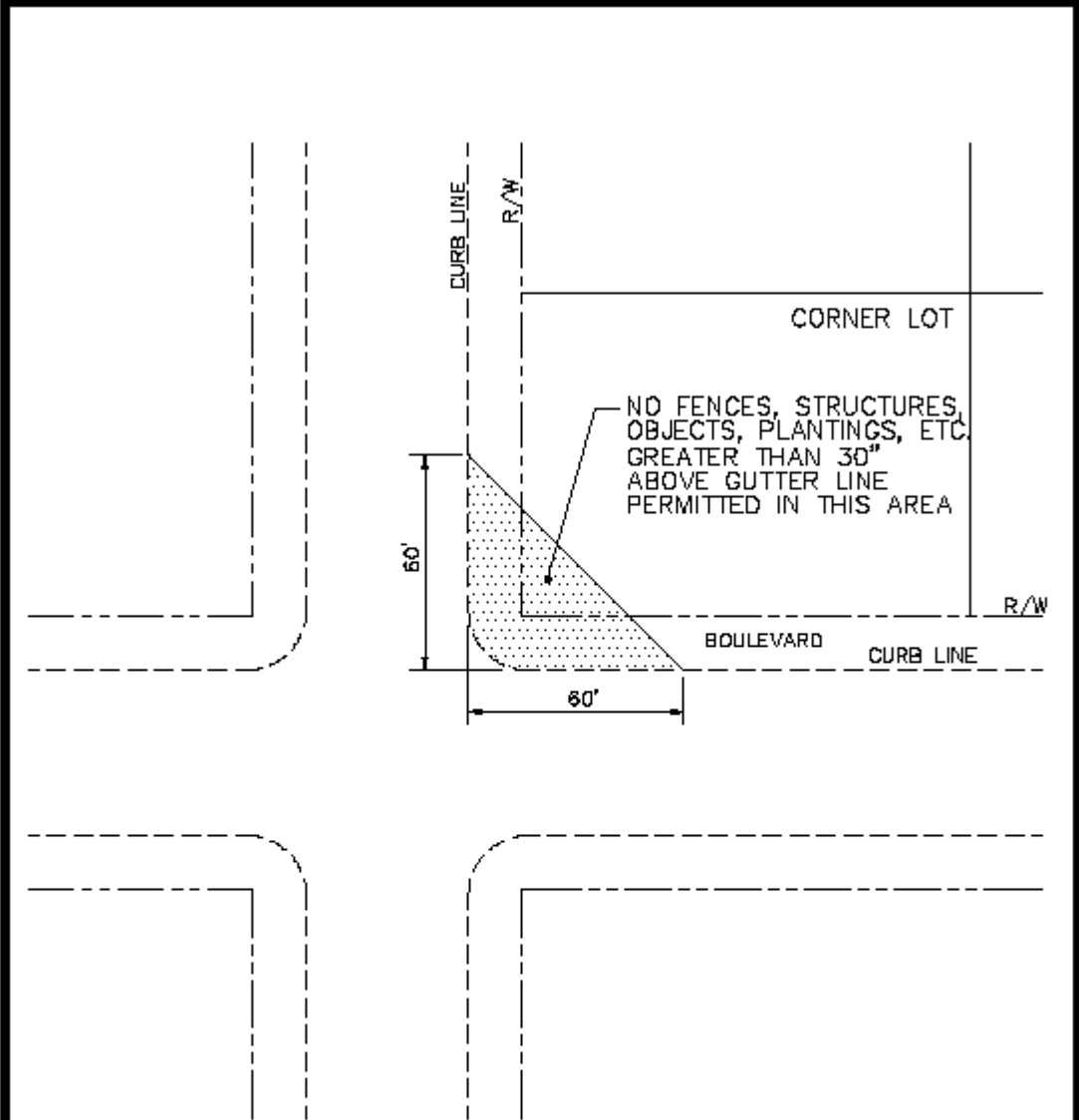
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SIGHT DISTANCE TRIANGLE

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AT INTERSECTIONS

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