

ORDINANCE NO. 15,925

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Chapter 114, by amending Sections 114-14 and 114-14.01, relating to traffic and vehicle regulations.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

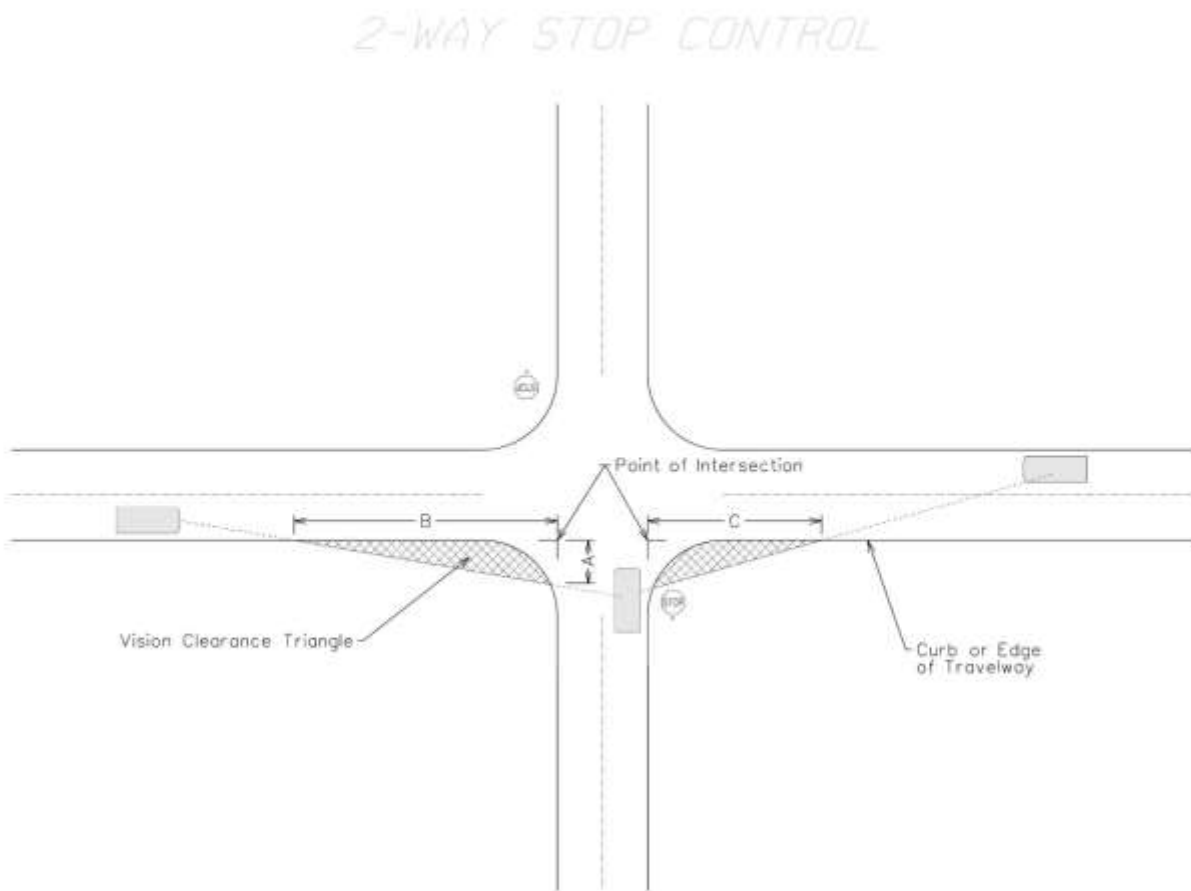
Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Chapter 114, by amending Sections 114-14 and 114-14.01, relating to traffic and vehicle regulations, as follows:

**Sec. 114-14. Intersections sight distance at street intersection.**

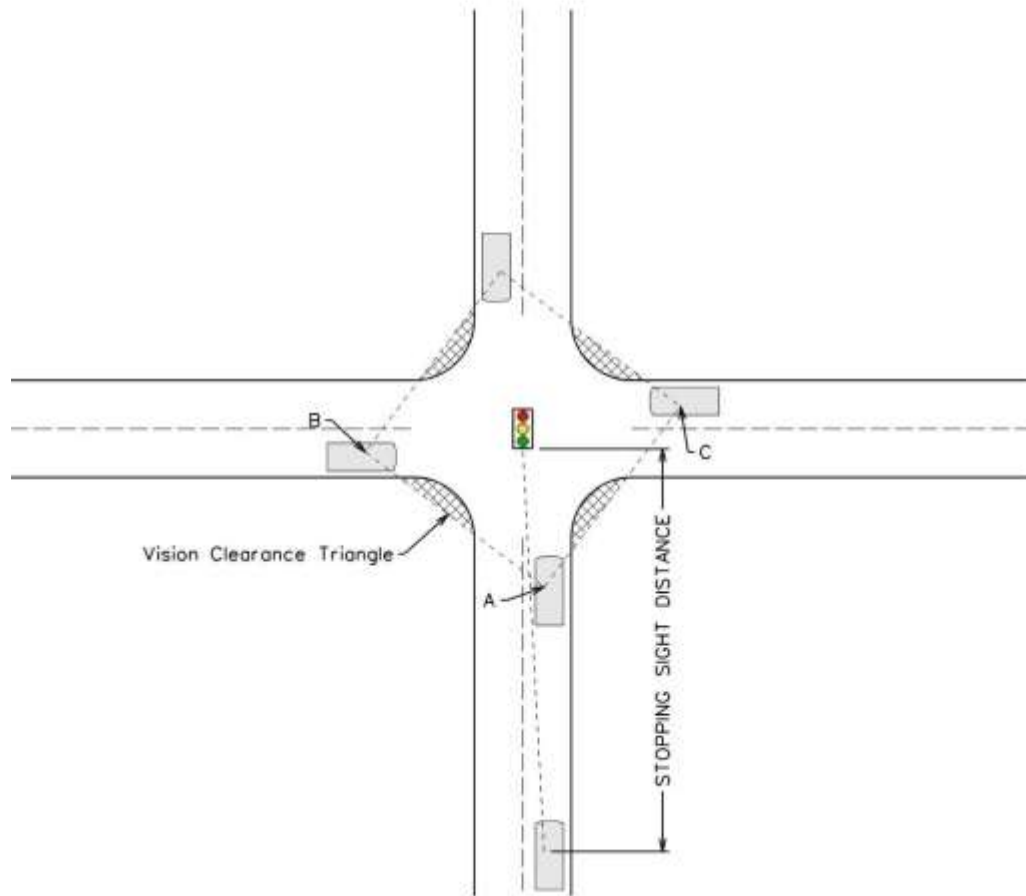
- (a) On a corner lot where a setback or side yard exists, except for utility poles, fire hydrants, traffic signals, parking meters, standard United States postal and mail boxes, street tree trunks in approved locations, legally parked cars, and traffic control devices, no objects which obstruct vision shall be allowed between a height of two feet and ten feet above the edge of the traveled roadway grades of intersecting streets within the vision clearance triangular, whose two sides are measured based on Intersection Sight Distance Table in subsection (c) of this section, and whose third side is a line connecting said two sides (See the 2-Way Stop Control Figures in subsection (d) of this section for a visual depiction). For intersections controlled all ways by traffic control devices or traffic control signals, the first vehicle stopped on one approach should be visible to the first vehicle stopped on each of the other approaches (See the All-Way Stop Control figure and Signal Control figure in the Intersection Sight Distance Figures in subsection (d) of this section for a visual depiction.
- (b) At a street intersection involving one-way streets, special sight distance conditions, unusual intersection configuration, such as right turn on red at a traffic signal or other unusual conditions, the city engineer shall determine the limits of the intersection sight distance zone. Such intersections include but are not limited to:
  - (1) Large parkways.
  - (2) Medians dividing the street.
  - (3) Property at a higher grade than street level.
  - (4) Y intersections.
  - (5) T intersections.
  - (6) Offset intersections.
  - (7) Roundabouts.
- (c) Intersection Sight Distance Table.

Posted Speed Limit on Major Roadway mph	Intersection Sight Distance (ft)								
	# of Lanes on Major Roadway								
	A	2 Lanes		3 Lanes		4 Lanes		5 Lanes	
	B	C	B	C	B	C	B	C	
20	15	170	130	170	100	170	85	170	75
25	15	200	155	200	125	200	100	200	90
30	15	235	180	235	145	235	120	235	105
35	15	270	205	270	165	270	135	270	120
40	15	300	230	300	185	300	155	300	135
45	15	335	255	335	205	335	170	335	150

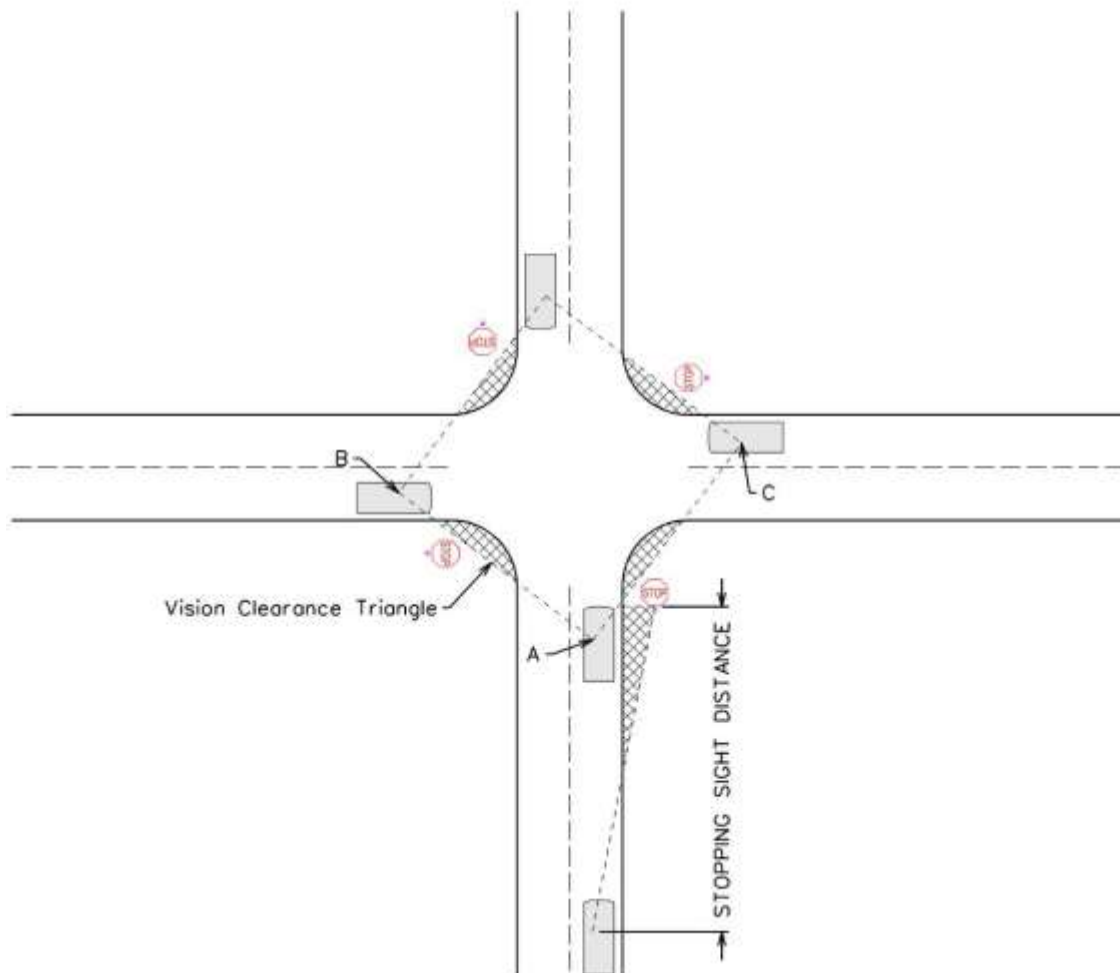
(d) Intersection Sight Distance Figures.



# SIGNAL CONTROL



## ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL



### Sec. 114-14.01. Removal of vision obstructions.

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, when the city engineer inspects an intersection and finds a violation of section 114-14 of this article, the adjoining property owner shall be directed by certified mail to remove the vision obstruction within 15 days of receipt of the notice to remove the obstruction. If the adjoining property owner fails to remove the obstruction, the city engineer shall report the violation to the public works director who shall cause the obstruction to be removed, and the public works director shall report the costs to the city council for assessment against the property pursuant to I.C. § 364.12(3)(h).
- (b) When the city engineer inspects an intersection and finds an obstruction in violation of section 114-14 of this article and determines that a hazardous condition exists which constitutes an immediate danger to public safety, such obstruction shall be immediately reported to the forestry division of the public works department for enforcement action pursuant to section 122-10 or section 42-360 of this Code.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED:

Lisa A. Wieland, Assistant City Attorney

T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

Attest: I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance (Roll Call No. 20-1591), passed by the City Council of said City at a meeting held on October 5, 2020 and signed by the Mayor on October 5, 2020 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on October 23, 2020. Authorized by Publication Order No. 11163.

P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk