



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date August 5, 2020 reconvened from August 3, 2020

An Ordinance entitled, "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",

presented.

Moved by _____ that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage.

FORM APPROVED:

(First of three required readings)

_____/s/
Lisa A. Wieland
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BOESEN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
MANDELBAUM				
VOSS				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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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. ~~Vision clearance at street~~ Intersections sight distance at street intersection.

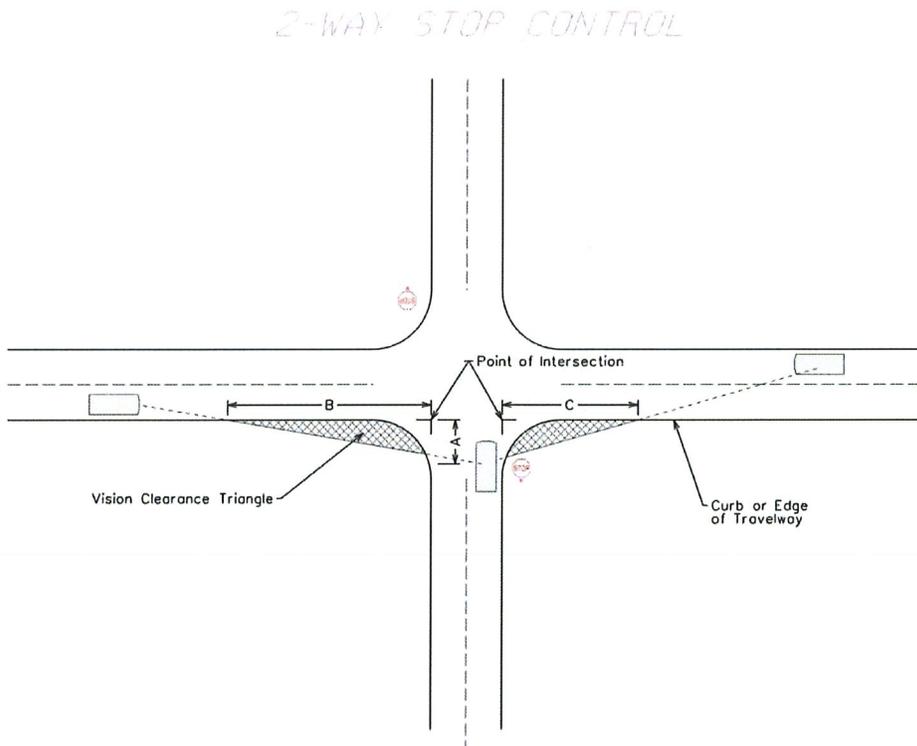
- (a) On a corner lot where a setback or side yard exists, except for utility poles, fire hydrants, traffic signals, parking meters, standard United States postal and mail boxes, street tree trunks in approved locations, legally parked cars, and traffic control devices, no objects which obstruct vision shall be allowed ~~no fence, wall, building, shrubbery, tree, ground sign, billboard, marquee or any other kind of structure or other obstruction to vision shall be erected, placed, planted, allowed to grow, or maintained~~ between a height of two feet and ten feet above the edge of the traveled roadway grades centerline grades ~~centerline 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 ~~zone formed by the intersecting street curblines, or the edge of the traveled roadway where there are no curbs, and a line joining points on such street curblines 45 feet from the point of intersection of the intersecting lines.~~
- (b) ~~At an intersection controlled by a traffic control device, the vision clearance zone shall be a triangular area formed as established in subsection (a) of this section, with one point 70 feet along the through street and the other point 20 feet along the street that is not a through street.~~
- (be) At a street ~~n~~ intersection involving one-way streets or unusual intersection configuration or other unusual conditions, the city engineer shall determine the limits of the intersection sight distance vision clearance ~~zone, but in no case shall they exceed the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.~~ 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.

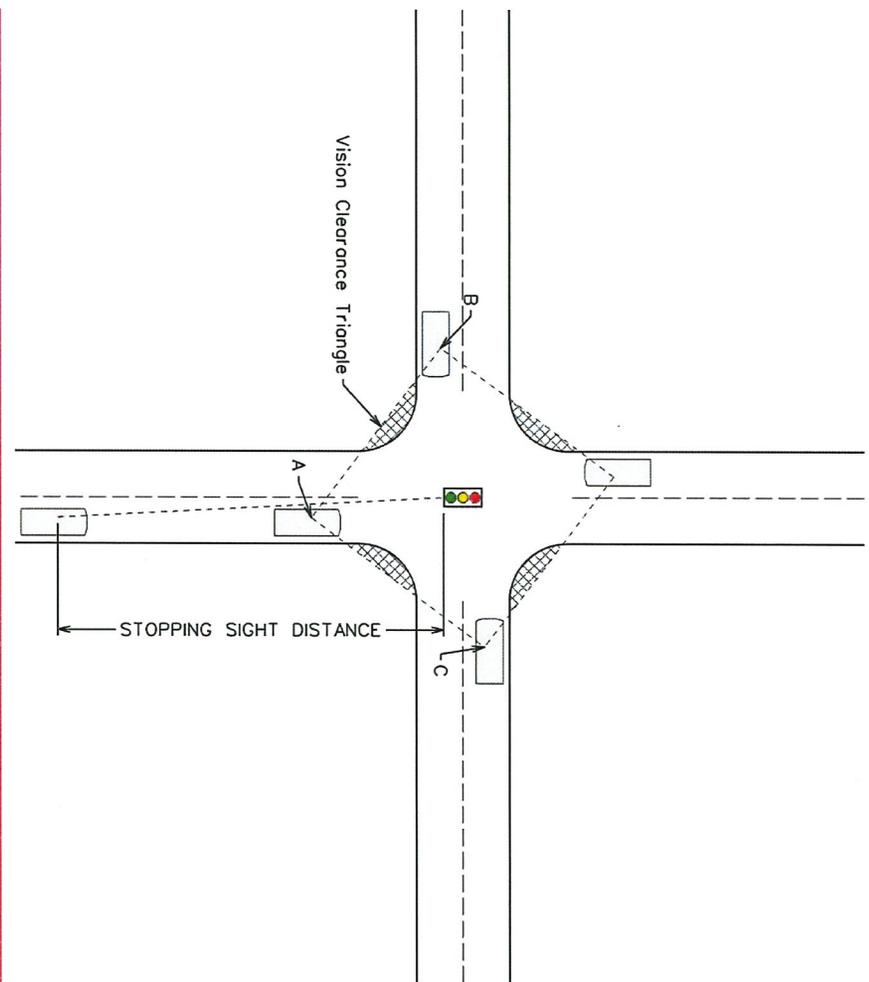
(c) Intersection Sight Distance Table.

Posted Speed Limit on Major Roadway mph	Intersection Sight Distance (ft)								
	# of Lanes on Major Roadway								
	2 Lanes			3 Lanes		4 Lanes		5 Lanes	
	A	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

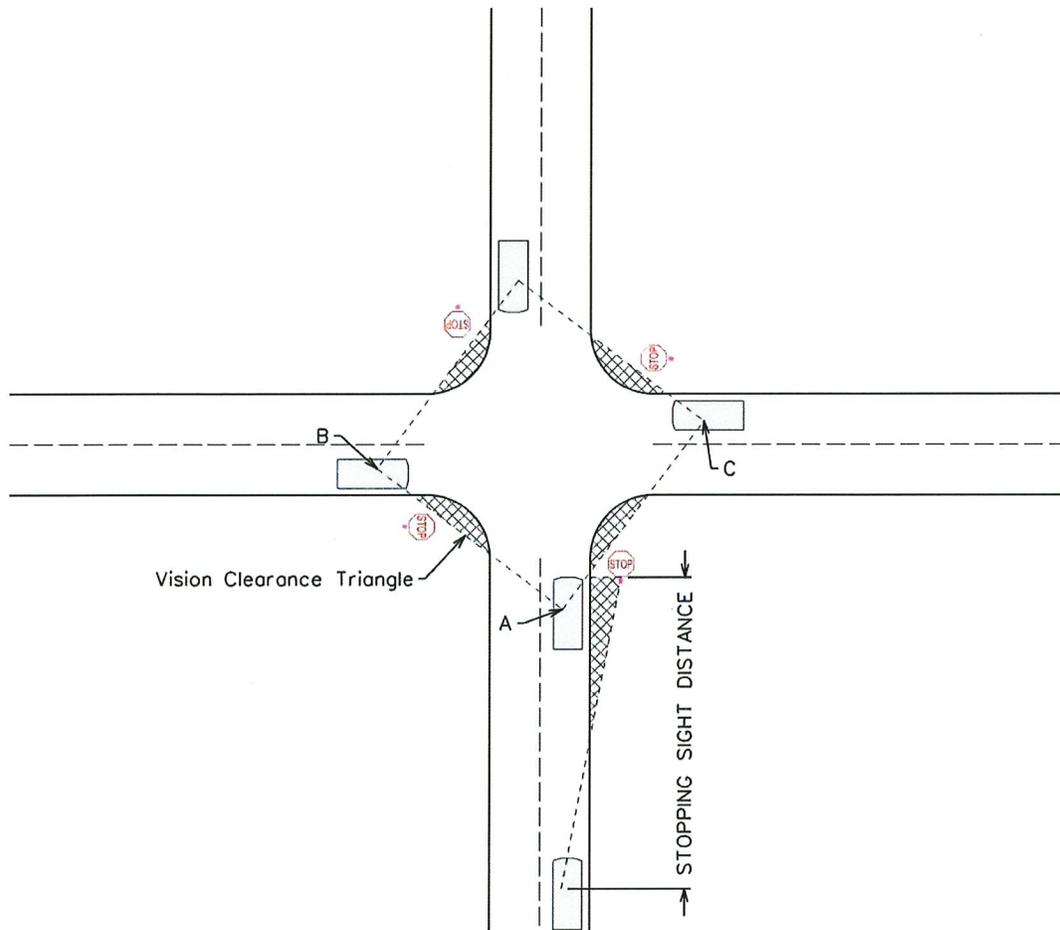
(d) Intersection Sight Distance Figures.



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 trees, bushes, shrubbery, or other plants obstruct vision 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

