

**POLICY NO: 2.2.6**

**TRUNCATIONS**

**1. VISUAL TRUNCATIONS**

**OBJECTIVES**

To identify the City's visual truncation requirements at development application stage building licence application stage, or when erecting a boundary fence, where a driveway intersects with either a road or with a right of way (ROW), where a ROW intersects with a road and where a road intersects with another road to ensure safety is maintained at such locations.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

Visual truncations are required for reasons of safety to ensure that adequate sight lines are maintained when a vehicle enters or egresses from a property onto a roadway or ROW. Visual truncations are required in the following situations:

**1.1 Intersection of a Driveway with a Road or ROW**

- (a) A standard visual truncation of 1.5 metres x 1.5 metres, where achievable, or 'absolute' minimum visual truncation of 1.0 metre x 1.0 metre for locations of low to medium traffic volumes. For locations with high traffic volumes, such as district distributor roads, an absolute minimum visual truncation of 1.5 metres x 1.5 metres, shall be provided at the property line to ensure adequate visibility.
- (b) A visual truncation may not be required on the entry side of a driveway where it is clearly defined as 'ENTRY ONLY' or where a driveway is at least 6.0 metres wide and where appropriate signage and line marking is to be installed.

**1.2 Intersection of a ROW with a ROW or a Road**

A standard visual truncation of 3.0 metres x 3.0 metres is required. However it may be reduced to 2.0 metres x 2.0 metres at the discretion of the Director Technical Services if it can be demonstrated that safety will not be compromised.

**1.3 Intersection of Two (2) Roads**

- (a) Intersection of two (2) Local Roads\* and the intersection of a Local Road\* and a District Distributor Road: A minimum 3.0 metre x 3.0 metre visual truncation shall be provided, unless otherwise specified under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme.

*\* Includes Local Distributor Road*

- (b) Intersection of two (2) District Distributor Roads: A minimum 6.0 metre x 6.0 metre visual truncation shall be provided, unless specified otherwise under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme.
- (c) In instances where the requirements as outlined in clauses 1.1 and 1.2 cannot be accommodated, alternative measure/s may be approved at the discretion of the Director Technical Services.

#### **1.4 Visual Truncation Area**

The area within a visual truncation, **excluding** where the truncation area/s is required for the adequate manoeuvring of vehicles, shall be maintained clear of obstructions above the height of 0.65 metres. Slender columns of less than 355 millimetres x 355 millimetres or 500 millimetres diameter shall be permitted. Open fences may also be permitted depending on the construction materials proposed.

Note: Where the area of land comprising the visual truncation is required for the manoeuvring of vehicles, the area shall remain clear of all obstructions.

## **2. CORNER TRUNCATIONS AT ROAD INTERSECTIONS**

### **OBJECTIVES**

To identify at development application stage the City's corner truncation requirements at the intersection of different categories of roads.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Approval of development applications may be subject to the requirement to provide appropriate corner truncations on allotments at the intersection of two (or more) roads. In these instances no compensation, by the City to the applicant/property owner will be applicable and all costs associated with the establishment of the truncation/s will be at the applicant's cost.

Appropriate recommendations will be made by the City to the Western Australian Planning Commission for the imposition of corner truncations on applications for subdivision/s where required.

The imposition of truncations shall be as follows:

- 2.1 **An intersection of an Access (Local) Road with a District Distributor Road** generally a 3.0 metre x 3.0 metre corner truncation shall be provided, unless specified otherwise under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme. This will provide adequate sight lines and will accommodate future channelisation works.

- 2.2. **An intersection of two (2) District Distributor Roads**– a 6.0 metre x 6.0 metre corner truncation shall be provided, unless specified otherwise under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme, to accommodate any future road works.
- 2.3. **At the intersection of two 'Access (Local) Roads'** - a minimum 3.0 metre x 3.0 metre corner truncation shall be provided. This would permit the future installation of traffic devices such as roundabouts without additional property acquisition.

**Explanation of road ‘types’:**

The description District Distributor and Access Roads are used to identify the roads status and therefore desirable maximum traffic volumes under the Metropolitan Functional Road Hierarchy.

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