

The picture below shows the alleyway intersecting West 7<sup>th</sup> Street.



The picture below shows a vehicle exiting the alleyway onto West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The driver of the vehicle view of the child approaching on the sidewalk is completely obstructed.



The picture below shows a child approaching the alleyway on the sidewalk.



Per ordinance that was passed and adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Ottawa, Kansas, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1989.



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## SITE TRIANGLE ORDINANCE

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*Chapter 13, Article 4, Municipal Code*



In all areas on public or private property, it shall be the duty of the owner of real property to remove from such property any tree, plant, shrub, parking of any vehicle, or other obstruction or part thereof, which by obstructing the view of any driver, constitutes a traffic hazard.

This ordinance pertains to uncontrolled and controlled arterial and collector streets and includes alleyways.

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## WHAT IS A SITE TRIANGLE?

A sight triangle is a triangular area at the intersection of two or more streets or alleyways, in which nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as to materially impede the vision of a driver, between three (3) feet and eight (8) feet above the street level, at the intersection.

## HOW IS A SITE TRIANGLE DETERMINED:

The sight triangle area shall be measured 60 feet from the arterial and collector street, on the arterial street and 25 feet from the arterial and collector street on the collector street.

## NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION:

The Community Development Department determines upon the basis of a sight triangle investigation that such a traffic hazard exists, it shall notify the owner by certified mail and order that the hazard be removed within 13 days.

## ABATEMENT:

Hedge, shrubbery, natural growth – must be kept less than three (3) feet (36 inches) measured from the established street level.

Trees – must maintain a minimum height clearance for limbs and relative growth of eight (8) feet from the established street level.

Fences, signs, vehicles – must be removed from the sight triangle area.

## PENALTY:

Failure of the owner to remove such a traffic hazard within 13 days shall constitute an offense punishable by a penalty of \$50. Every day said owner shall fail to remove the hazard shall be a separate and distinct offense.

If the traffic hazard has not been removed within 13 days, the city may issue a ticket which will require you to appear in Municipal Court.

The city may contract the removal of the violation. You will be charged the actual cost of the removal of the violation and an administrative fee of \$85. If you fail to pay when billed, these charges will be added to your taxes.

In the picture below the car is approaching the intersection of Cypress Street from the east on 9<sup>th</sup> Street.



The picture below shows the site triangle violation for a vehicle that would be stopped at the stop sign heading south on Cypress Street and the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Cypress Street.

The view of the vehicle noted in the above picture is completely obstructed from the view of the driver in this picture.

