

TIME: 7:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Dalles Public Works Department
1215 W 1st Street
The Dalles OR 97058

AGENDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
DECEMBER 18, 2013

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2013
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OR PRESENTATIONS
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Sonrise Academy School Zone/Crosswalk Request – Sonrise Academy - McCabe
 - B. Speed Study at 6th & Division – Barrier
 - C. Webber Street Water Line Update – McCabe
 - D. Status of Basketball Hoop on W 22nd - McCabe
 - E. W 7th – Myrtle to Snipes Area Speed Posting – Barrier
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

SUBJECT TO COMMISSION
APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
December 18, 2013

COMMISSION PRESENT: Frank Pyles, Chuck Covert, Donna Lawrence, Jim Bishop
and Mike Kilkenny

ABSENT MEMBERS: John Nelson and John Layson

STAFF PRESENT: Dale McCabe – City Engineer, Tim McGlothlin – Council
Representative, Bill Barrier – Transportation Manager,
Dawn Marie Hert - Planner and Cindy Keever –
Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Clay Smith

Chuck Covert moved to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Clay Smith told the board he is concerned for pedestrian safety at the intersection of 2nd and Washington. Discussion was held regarding several other crosswalks around town that are dangerous for pedestrians especially when cars are making turning movements. No action at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Sonrise Academy School Zone/Crosswalk Request

Bill Barrier, Dale McCabe and Jay Waterbury will get together, look at the area, decide sign placements and report the locations at the January meeting.

2) Speed Study at 6th & Division

Bill reported the radar reader board on the speed trailer was malfunctioning and had to be sent back to the company. The speed trailer will be put back out at the intersection once the repaired board has been installed.

3) Webber Street Water Line Update

Dale reported the last thrust block was poured and the south side of Webber has been backfilled. Project should get finished up soon.

4) Status of Basketball Hoop on W 22nd

Councilor McGlothlin explained his reasoning for voting yes for the location of the portable basketball hoop on W 22nd Street. Discussion followed. No action required.

5) W7th – Myrtle to Snipes Area Speed Posting

Bill passed around a map with the proposed changes and additions to the speed signs along W 7th Street between Myrtle and Snipes Streets and all of the side streets that feed into 7th Street. Mike Kilkenny made a motion to approve Bill's recommended speed sign changes. Donna Lawrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Bill will work with the County to have them change their signs also.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Cindy Keever relayed that John Nelson would like the members to fill out the Oregon Impact survey and return it to him so that he can compile the replies into one email.

Cindy reminded members that the Oregon Impact Director, Janelle Lawrence, will visit the February Traffic Safety Commission meeting.

Clay reminded members to watch out for deer while driving on the City streets. On the west side of town a Deer Warning sign was installed on Irvine because of the problems with near misses between cars and deer. Drive with caution.

Discussion was held regarding the sanding rock left on the roads after icy weather and a reminder to drive carefully on the rock because it can be slick. Bill reported the City is in the process of sweeping the rock back up and reclaiming it. Reclamation rate is about 80%.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chuck Covert moved to adjourn. Jim Bishop seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Keever
Administrative Secretary
City of The Dalles

Final approval



John Nelson

No street hoops

12/19/13

To the editor:

I am the "neighbor" who hired an attorney as referred to in your editorial to get the portable basketball hoop removed from the street.

The hoop owners initially placed two hoops in the cul-de-sac adjacent to my property and were not responsible enough to find out if they could legally place them in the street or if I, the impacted property owner whose backyard bank was serving as a back-stop, had any concerns. In April I pointed out to them in writing that the two hoops not only blocked the right-of-way but presented a danger to children from traffic, I did not want to be liable for adults or children entering onto my property, the hoops had a potential to create an attractive nuisance and I had concerns for the destructive impact on my landscape and hillside from thrown or bounced balls.

The city was prepared to issue a permit at which point I retained an attorney who notified the city it would be authorizing a trespass on my property. One basketball hoop was removed from the street and the other moved to a location adjacent to another property owner.

I do not believe portable basketball hoops belong in the street. I appealed and made a public records request for: policy and procedure(s), written criteria used as a basis for determining a permit and a copy of the safety study.

I was informed that none of these documents exist, which suggests to me that without established criteria or an objective means for processing an application, city staff can make a decision with a wink and a nod.

After the permit was issued in October the city manager suggested I present my safety concerns to the Traffic Safety Committee, an effort that probably should have been undertaken by city staff prior to issuing the permit.

I also requested an accounting of the labor hours, dollar costs and amount of any fees collected: "The City does not track labor hours on this type of activity; so any documentation would be at best a guess." "We currently do not have a fee for issuance of encroachment permits." This means that we, the taxpayers, subsidized the issuance of this permit.

I have been a property owner and taxpayer in this municipality for 35 years. It took this issue for me to learn the quality of government I have been paying for.

*Tom Tramontina
The Dalles*

Section 6.010—Landscaping Standards in Residential Areas

Hedges, fences, and walls shall not exceed **4 feet*** in height within a required **front yard**.

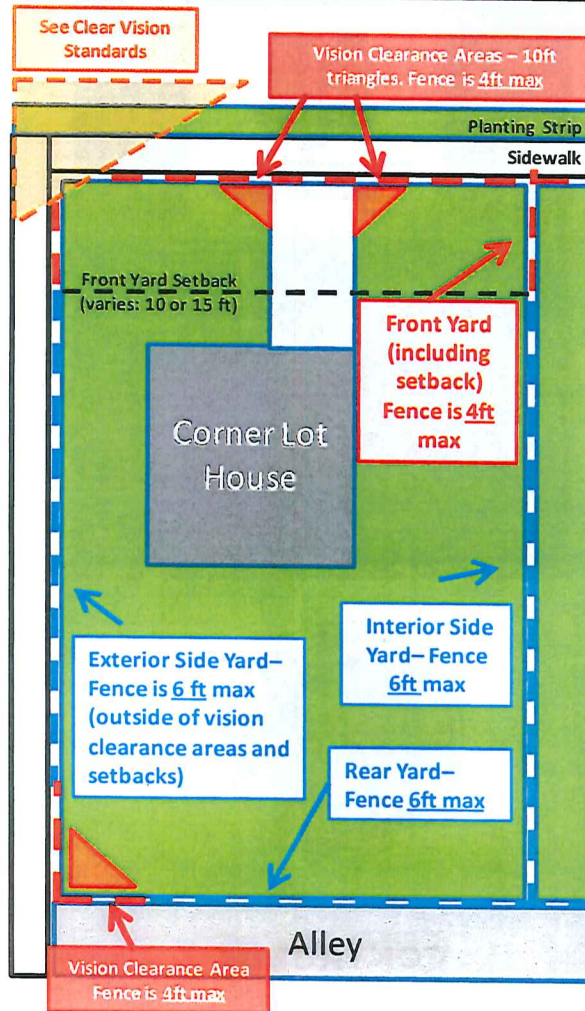
Hedges, fences, and walls shall not exceed **4 feet*** in height within a **10 foot triangle adjacent to an alley or driveway**.

Hedges, fences, and walls shall not exceed **6 feet*** in height within required **side and rear yards**.

*Additional height is determined by the Director to be necessary for privacy screening from an adjacent use.



Basic Fencing Height Restrictions



DO I NEED A PERMIT?	
Fences 4ft and <u>lower</u>	NO
Fences 4ft to 6ft	YES, NO FEE
Fences 6ft and <u>higher</u>	YES, FEE

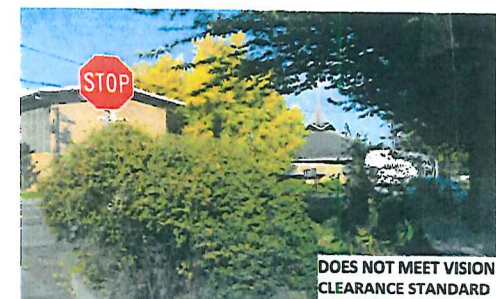
Section 6.100—Visual Clearance Standards

Visual Clearance areas shall be provided on all parcels located at corner intersections of streets and alleys to promote pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety.

Fencing and plantings can be **maximum of 2 feet in height** in these areas.

Trees are allowed only when all branches and foliage are removed to a **minimum of 9 feet in height**.

Specific measurements for visual clearance standards are located in Section 6.100 of the LUDO.



General Information

This is a general information sheet and is not meant to replace the specific requirements for development that can be found in the City of The Dalles Land Use Development Ordinance and other requirements including the State technical codes and local regulations administered by the City of The Dalles and other agencies. In the case of omissions or discrepancies between this information sheet and City of The Dalles Code, the City of The Dalles code applies.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.



Land Use Development Ordinance (LUDO)

Find more detailed information in the LUDO, which is located on the City of The Dalles website:
www.ci.the-dalles.or.us/community_dev

Visit the Planning Department at City Hall during open hours M-F 8:30am to 5pm

**CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG
TO LOCATE UNDERGROUND
UTILITY LINES**



**DO YOU THINK A NEIGHBOR IS
OUT OF COMPLIANCE?**

Contact us or file a Citizen Complaint
Form located on this website:
http://www.newsite/codes_enforc.htm



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Fencing on Residential Lots



QUICK GUIDE

Speed change
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