

**CITY OF CENTENNIAL,  
COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-O-29**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CENTENNIAL, COLORADO AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
THE 2011 CITY OF CENTENNIAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE  
CONCERNING SIGHT TRIANGLES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Centennial (“City”) and Article 23, Title 31 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the City has authority to regulate the development of land, streets and utilities within the City for the purposes of promoting the public health, safety, convenience, and the general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the City initiated the process to develop and draft a new Land Development Code (“2011 LDC” or “2011 Land Development Code”); and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the City Council adopted the 2011 LDC by enactment of Ordinance No. 2010-O-13 with a suspended effective date in order to allow time for the City to adopt a new official zoning map (“Zoning Map”) reflecting the new zoning districts established by the LDC along with existing planned unit developments applicable to the commercially zoned properties; and

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 2011-O-14, the City Council has adopted the Zoning Map and thereby made effective the 2011 LDC; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 LDC incorporates sight triangle requirements related to maintaining sight lines at intersections so as to allow vehicle drivers’ unobstructed views or sight lines of approaching traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has requested additional analysis and input from City staff regarding sight triangles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further considered sight triangle requirements during the October 10, 2011 City Council Study Session, following which City Council provided direction to City staff to amend the sight triangle regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Section 0-11-208 of the 2011 LDC concerning sight triangle requirements to allow an exemption for certain utility infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing, the City of Centennial Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the proposed sight triangle regulations set forth in this Ordinance to the City Council for approval as amended; and

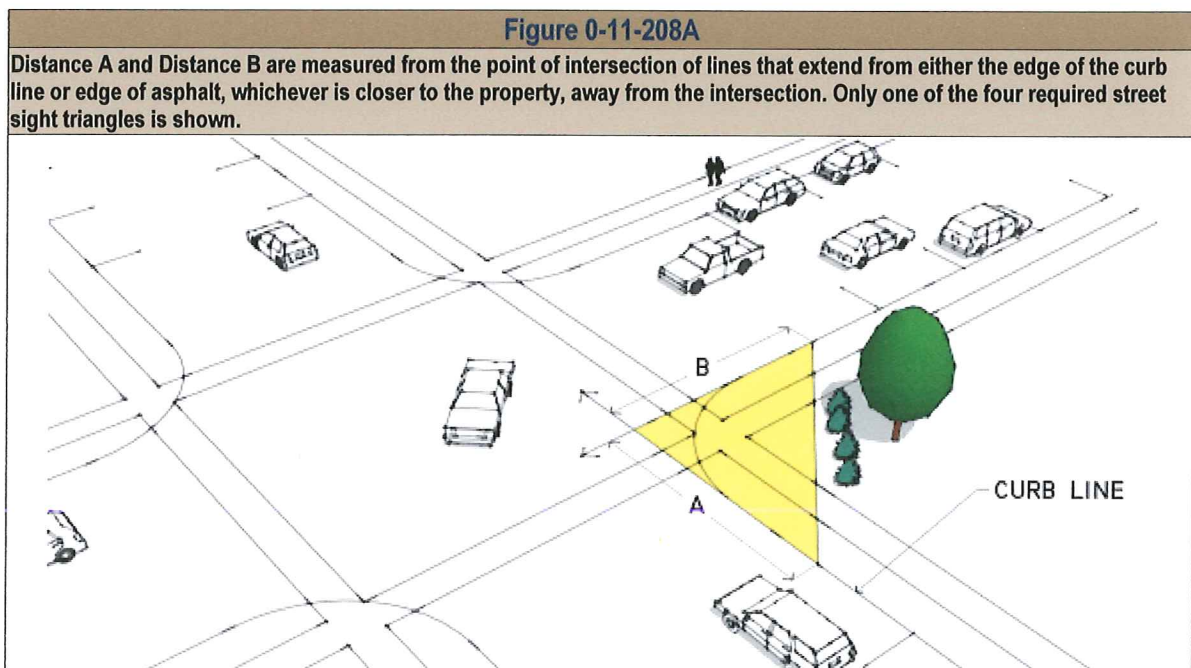
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 0-14-311 of the 2011 LDC, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing to consider amendments to Section 0-11-208 of the 2011 LDC through adoption of this Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Section 0-11-208, titled *Sight Triangle Requirements*, of the 2011 Land Development Code is hereby amended to read in full as follows:

**Sec. 0-11-208 Sight Triangle Requirements**

- A. **Generally.** No fence, wall, sign, foliage, berming or other structure or obstruction which will obstruct the driver's view (sight lines) of traffic approaching the intersection shall be placed in the sight triangle. These sight lines shall be unobstructed between a height of three (3) feet and eight (8) feet above the elevation of the street centerline and shall be placed on any corner lot in the areas specified by this subsection.



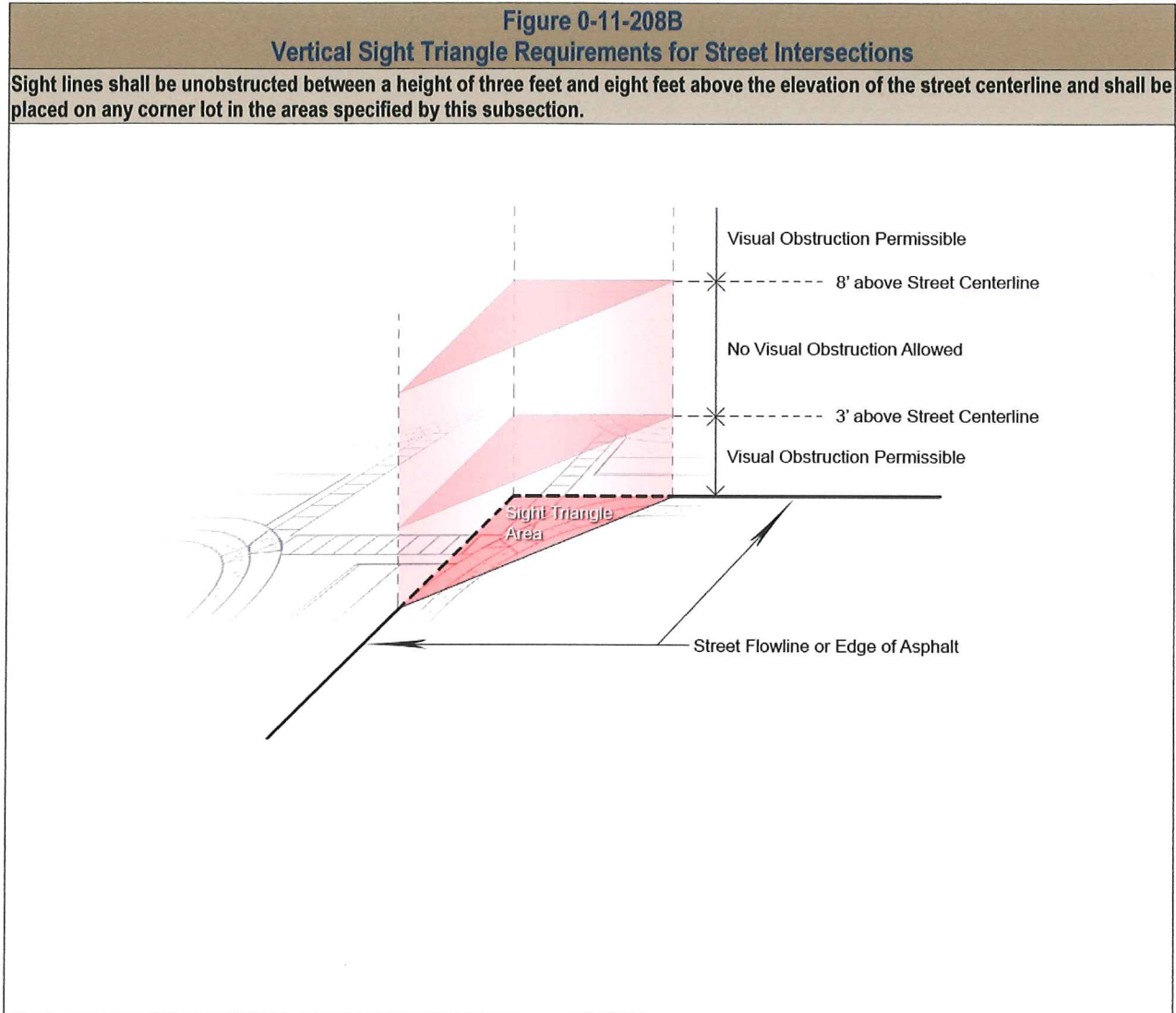
**B. Requirements.**

1. At the intersection of two public streets, regardless of classification, Distance A and Distance B (refer to Figure 0-11-208A, *Sight Triangle Requirements for Street Intersections* and Figure 0-11-208B, *Vertical Sight Triangle Requirements for Street Intersections*) shall not be less than thirty (30) feet.

2. Refer to the *Infrastructure Design Manual* for additional information on sight triangles and sight distance requirements.
3. Utility cabinets, including traffic signal cabinets, over three (3) feet in height (above the street centerline) are not allowed in a sight triangle as defined in this Section.

**C. Exemptions.**

1. Utility poles, traffic control signs or other signs related to public safety, and trees eighteen inches (18") or less in width that are devoid of branches and spaced to minimize visual obstruction are allowed in a sight triangle. Such structures are considered point sight obstructions and are permitted because a driver can move slightly to avoid or see around them.
2. Subject to approval by the City Manager or his or her designee, a traffic signal cabinet may be located or placed in a sight triangle only where no other location is feasible due to physical or fiscal constraints, and it is located such that the side facing vehicle traffic is less than eighteen inches (18") in width to minimize the sight obstruction.



**Section 2. Severability.** Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

**Section 3. Repeal.** Any and all ordinances or codes or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed; provided, however, that the repeal of any such ordinance or code or part thereof shall not revive any other section or part of any ordinance or code heretofore repealed or superseded and this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication following

final passage.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2011.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

By: Cathy A. Noon  
Cathy A. Noon, Mayor

Approved as to Form:

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For City Attorney's Office

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was introduced to the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of November 14, 2011 and ordered published one time by title only in *The Villager* newspaper on November 17, 2011, and in full on the City web site in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.

ATTEST:

By: Brenda J. Madison  
City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk



FINALLY ADOPTED, PASSED, APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS, IF ANY, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY, IN *THE VILLAGER* NEWSPAPER AND IN FULL ON THE CITY WEB SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-1-110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL, COLORADO, UPON A MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD ON THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2011, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 2 AGAINST.

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

By: Cathy A. Noon  
Cathy A. Noon, Mayor

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was finally adopted by the City Council of the City of Centennial at its meeting of December 5, 2011, and ordered published by title

only, one time by *The Villager* newspaper on December 8, 2011 and in full on the City web site in accordance with Section 2-1-110 of the Municipal Code.



ATTEST:

By: Brenda J. Madison  
City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk