



Improvement Guidelines Within the Public Right-of-Way

As a resident of Pleasant Hill, it is very important that you determine your property limits before you undertake your next home improvement project. As we have suggested, a number of residents have called the Engineering Division before undertaking costly projects in front of, or along side, their fronting property.

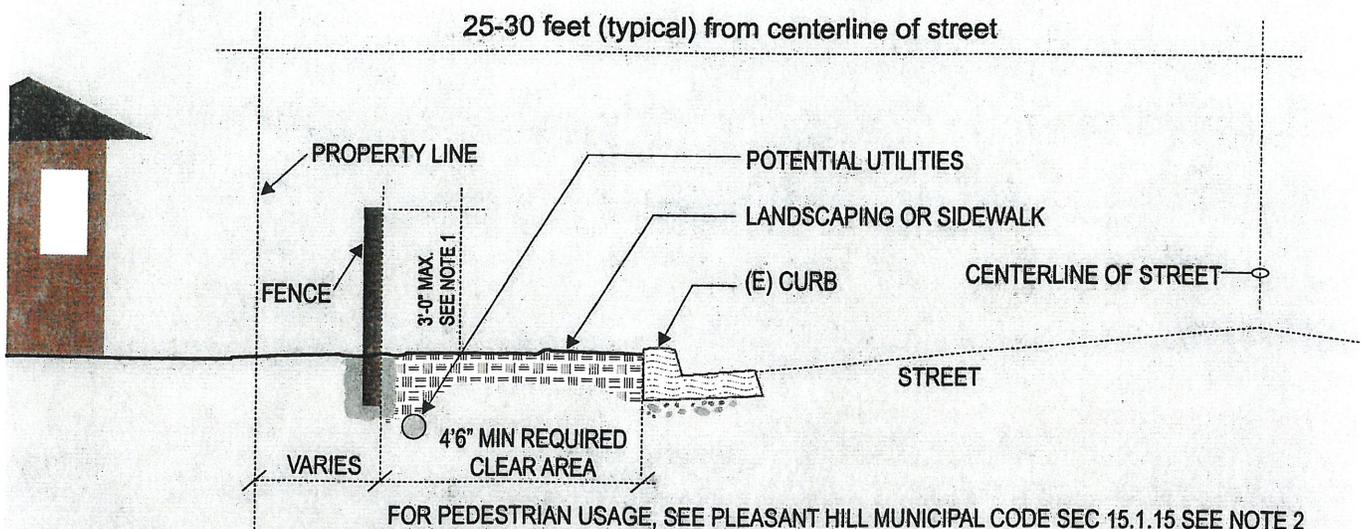
As you may be aware, the City's Right-of-Way (which includes all land which by deed, conveyance, agreement, easement, dedication, usage is reserved for or dedicated to the use of the general public for road or highway purposes) is typically 50 feet to 60 feet in width or 25 to 30 feet from the road centerline on most residential streets. The City reserves this area for future improvement projects such as drainage, sidewalks, roadway widening, utility improvements, among others. If you plan to Encroach on the Right-of-Way, meaning going on, over, or under, or using a right-of-way in a manner which prevents, obstructs, or interferes with the normal use of that way, you will first need to contact the Engineering Division to determine if a permit will be granted. Typical encroachments include:

1. Excavating or disturbing the rights-of-way
2. Erecting a fence of any type, material, and height within the right-of-way
3. Constructing a pathway, sidewalk, or driveway
4. Constructing on, over, under, or within the

right-of-way a culvert or other surface drainage or subsurface drainage facility

5. Constructing a pond or water structure
6. Placing a sewer pipeline, water lateral, pipe, conduit, or cable
7. Constructing a structure, retaining wall, or similar encroachment
8. Placing or leaving any obstruction or impediment, including debris boxes or storage moving bins on a right-of-way

Remember, if you are building within 15 feet of the roadway shoulder or 10 feet behind a concrete curb and gutter or 5 feet behind the sidewalk, you are likely within the City's Right-of-Way and encroaching, which will require a permit before you commence any work. The Engineering Division will schedule a site visit with you to discuss your future project—please give us a call at 671-5264 to set up an appointment. Please remember that if you build without a permit you may be subject to the removal of the encroachment at your own cost.



Note 1. Any permanent fence (3 feet maximum) or structure within the City's Right of Way requires, if allowed, an Encroachment Permit from the Engineering Division. If a permit is granted, the City will request that the property owner remove the encroachment at property owner's expense, if the Right of Way is needed in the future for public improvements.