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RESIDENTIAL FENCE REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended that every person, before fencing or planting a hedge on his or her own property, gains with certainty and at his or her expense, their property line locations from a legally qualified Provincial Land Surveyor.

Interior Lots

When constructing a fence on your property, which is considered an interior lot, you must follow these requirements:

- A fence located in a front yard, which is within 20ft (6m) of your front property line, shall have a **maximum height of 3ft (0.91m)**
- A fence located within a rear yard or interior side yard shall have a **maximum height of 7ft (2.13m)**
- A fence cannot block access to a parking space, unless the fence is constructed with a **minimum 8.5ft (2.59m) wide** gate allowing access to the parking space.

Corner Lots

When constructing a fence on your property, which is considered a corner lot, you must follow these requirements:

- A fence located in a front yard, which is within 20ft (6m) of your front property line, shall have a **maximum height of 3ft (0.91m)**
- A fence located within the interior side yard shall have a **maximum height of 7ft (2.13m)**
- A fence located within the exterior side yard shall have a maximum height as follows:
 - **Max. height of 6ft (1.82m)** if the fence is located **less than 15ft (4.57m)** from the exterior lot line
 - **Max. height of 7ft (2.13m)** if the fence is located at **least 15ft (4.57m)** from the exterior lot line
- A fence located within a driveway visibility triangle can have a **maximum height of 3ft (0.91m)** – see attached drawings on fencing

Residential Fence Requirements

- A fence located within a corner visibility triangle can have a maximum height of **2ft (0.61m)** – see attached drawings on fencing
- A fence cannot block access to a parking space, unless the fence is constructed with a **minimum 8.5ft (2.59m) wide** gate allowing access to the parking space.

Abutting Commercial, Industrial or Institutional Lots

Any fence constructed within your rear yard or your interior side yard, shall have a **maximum height of 8ft (2.5m)**, when these yards abut a commercial, industrial or institutional property.



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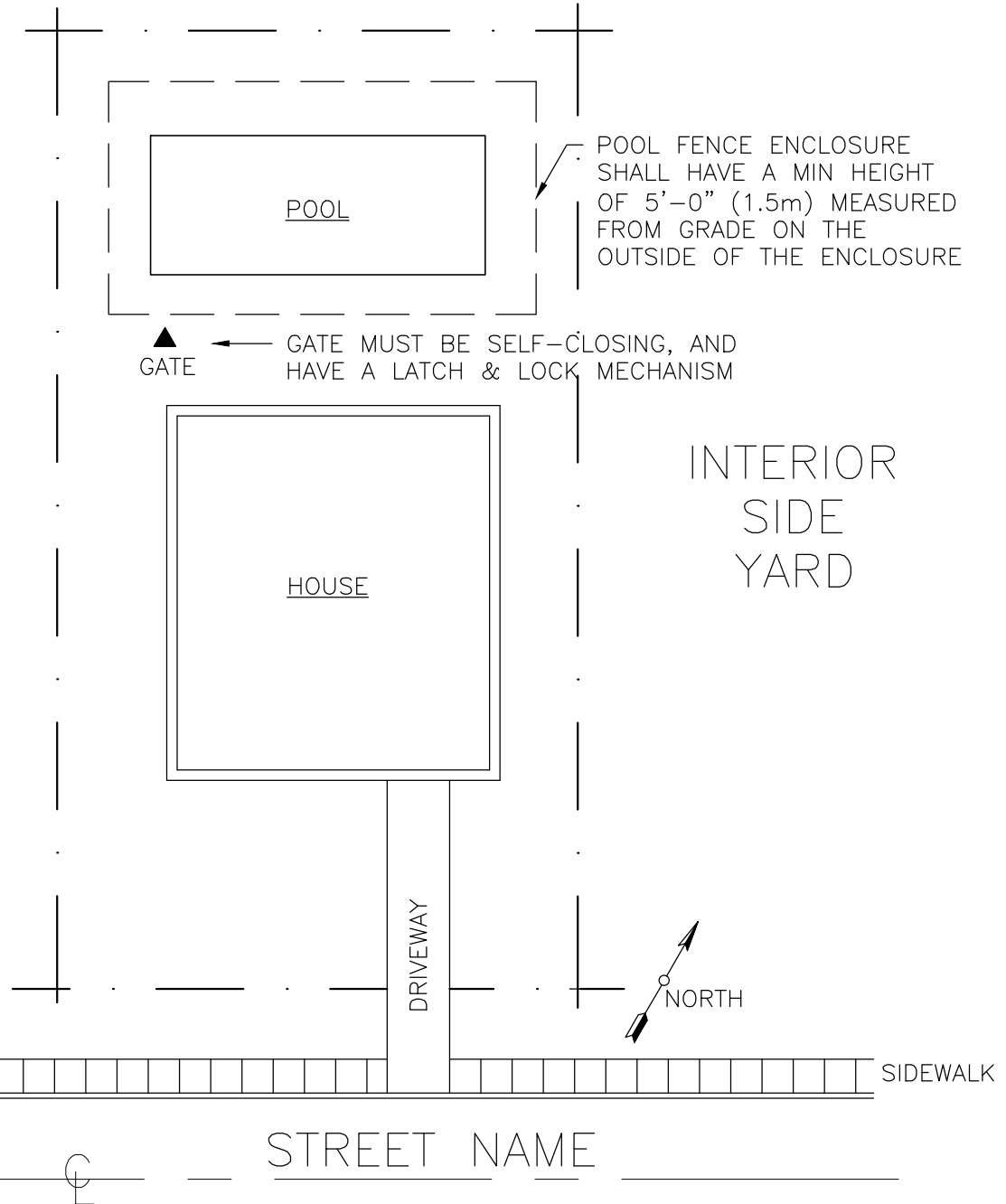
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REAR YARD



POOL FENCE ENCLOSURE SHALL HAVE A MIN HEIGHT OF 5'-0" (1.5m) MEASURED FROM GRADE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENCLOSURE

GATE MUST BE SELF-CLOSING, AND HAVE A LATCH & LOCK MECHANISM

INTERIOR
SIDE
YARD

INTERIOR
SIDE
YARD

HOUSE

DRIVEWAY

NORTH

SIDEWALK

STREET NAME

NOTE:

- IF THE POOL FENCE ENCLOSURE IS LESS THAN 6'-0" (1.8m) IT SHALL NOT BE LOCATED CLOSER THAN 4'-0" (1.2m) TO A CLIMBABLE OBJECT

- SEE DETAIL SHEET FOR CHAIN LINK FENCING REQUIREMENTS

LEGEND:

— — — — —	FENCE
— — — — —	PROPERTY LINE



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NOTE:

– IF THE FENCE IS CONSTRUCTED TO A HEIGHT LESS THAN 6'-0" (1.8m) IT CANNOT BE LOCATED CLOSER THAN 4'-0" (1.2m) TO A CLIMBABLE OBJECT

– THE LATCH AND LOCK MECHANISM AT THE TOP AND ON THE INSIDE OF THE GATE MUST INDEPENDENTLY BRING THE GATE TO A CLOSED LATCHED POSITION.

– CHAIN LINK FENCING CAN BE USED BUT MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

– FOR CHAIN LINKS NOT EXCEEDING 1.5" (38mm) SHALL BE USED WHEN THE FENCE IS NOT LESS THAN 5'-0" (1.5m) FROM GRADE

– FOR CHAIN LINKS NOT EXCEEDING 2" (50mm) SHALL BE USED WHEN THE FENCE IS NOT LESS 6'-0" (1.8m)

GATES ARE INCLUDED IN THE 5'-0" (1.5m) MIN HEIGHT REQUIREMENT

IF 4'-0" (1.2m) ABOVE GRADE THE LATCH MECHANISM CAN BE LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE GATE

GATE MUST BE SELF-CLOSING

LATCH MECHANISM

5'-0" MIN

GRADE

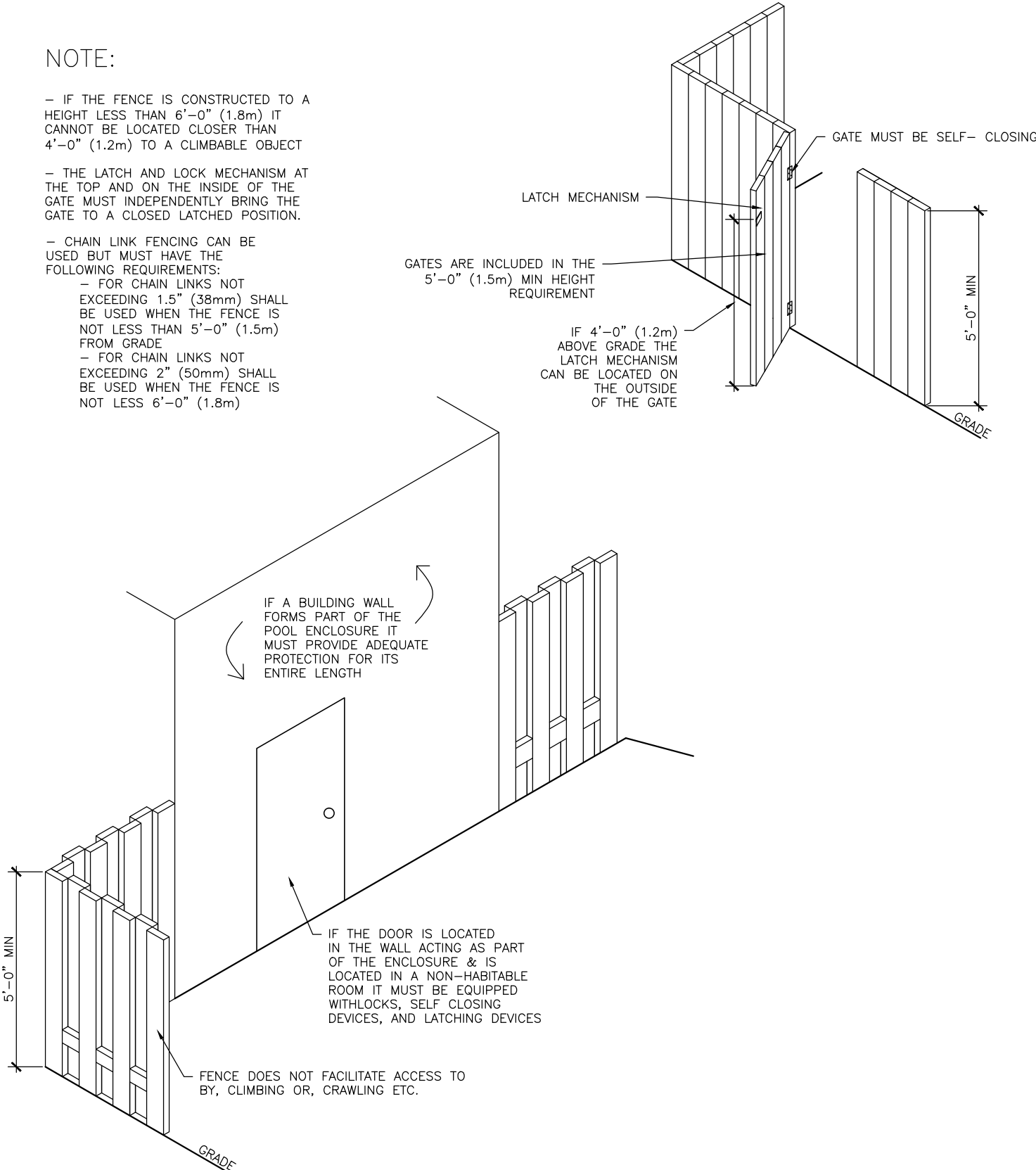
IF A BUILDING WALL FORMS PART OF THE POOL ENCLOSURE IT MUST PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR ITS ENTIRE LENGTH

IF THE DOOR IS LOCATED IN THE WALL ACTING AS PART OF THE ENCLOSURE & IS LOCATED IN A NON-HABITABLE ROOM IT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH LOCKS, SELF CLOSING DEVICES, AND LATCHING DEVICES

FENCE DOES NOT FACILITATE ACCESS TO BY, CLIMBING OR, CRAWLING ETC.

5'-0" MIN

GRADE





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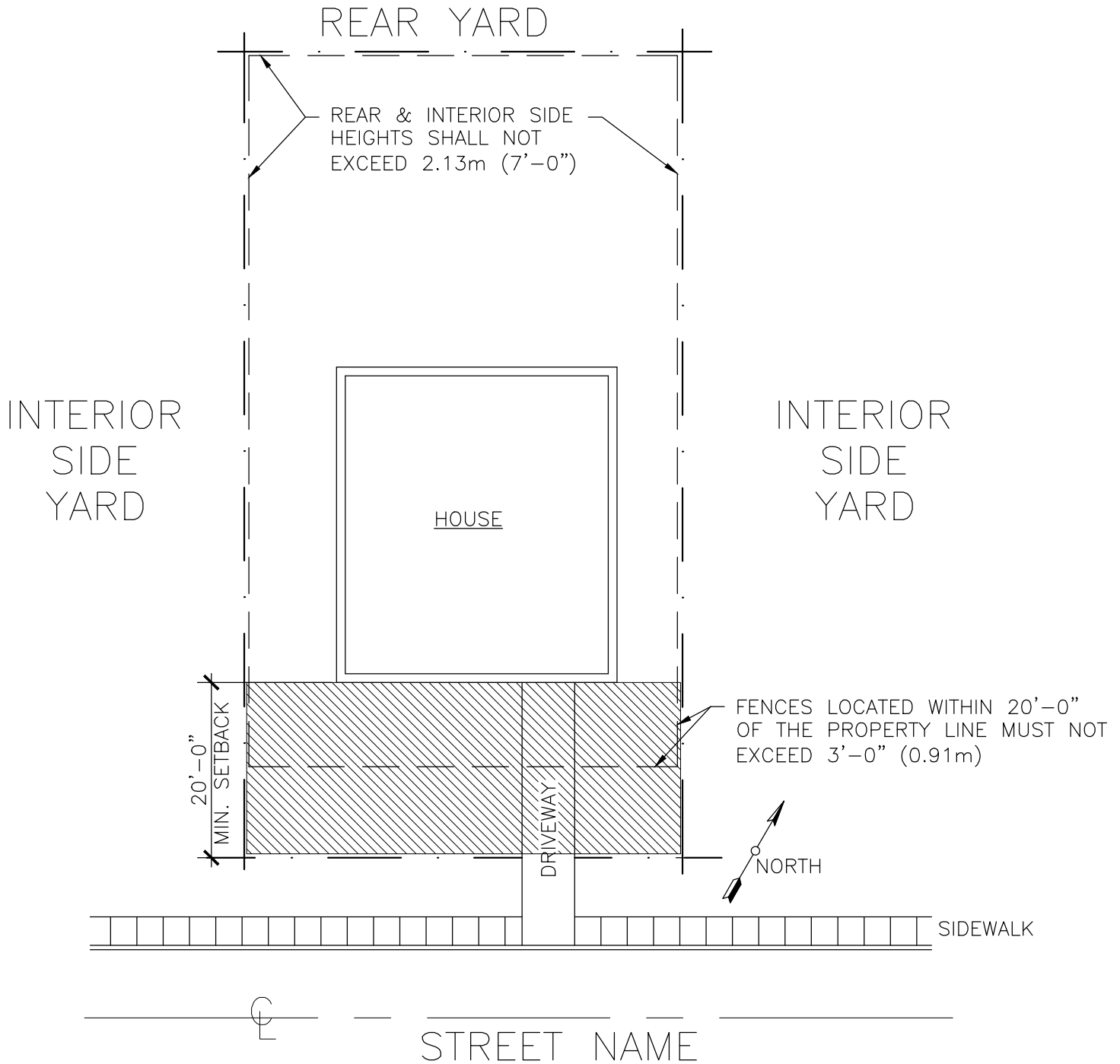
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NOTE:

– FENCES SHALL NOT BLOCK ACCESS TO A PARKING SPACE, UNLESS THE FENCE IS CONSTRUCTED WITH A GATE AT LEAST 2.59m (8.5FT) WIDE ALLOWING ACCESS TO THE PARKING SPACE

LEGEND:

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— — — — —	PROPERTY LINE



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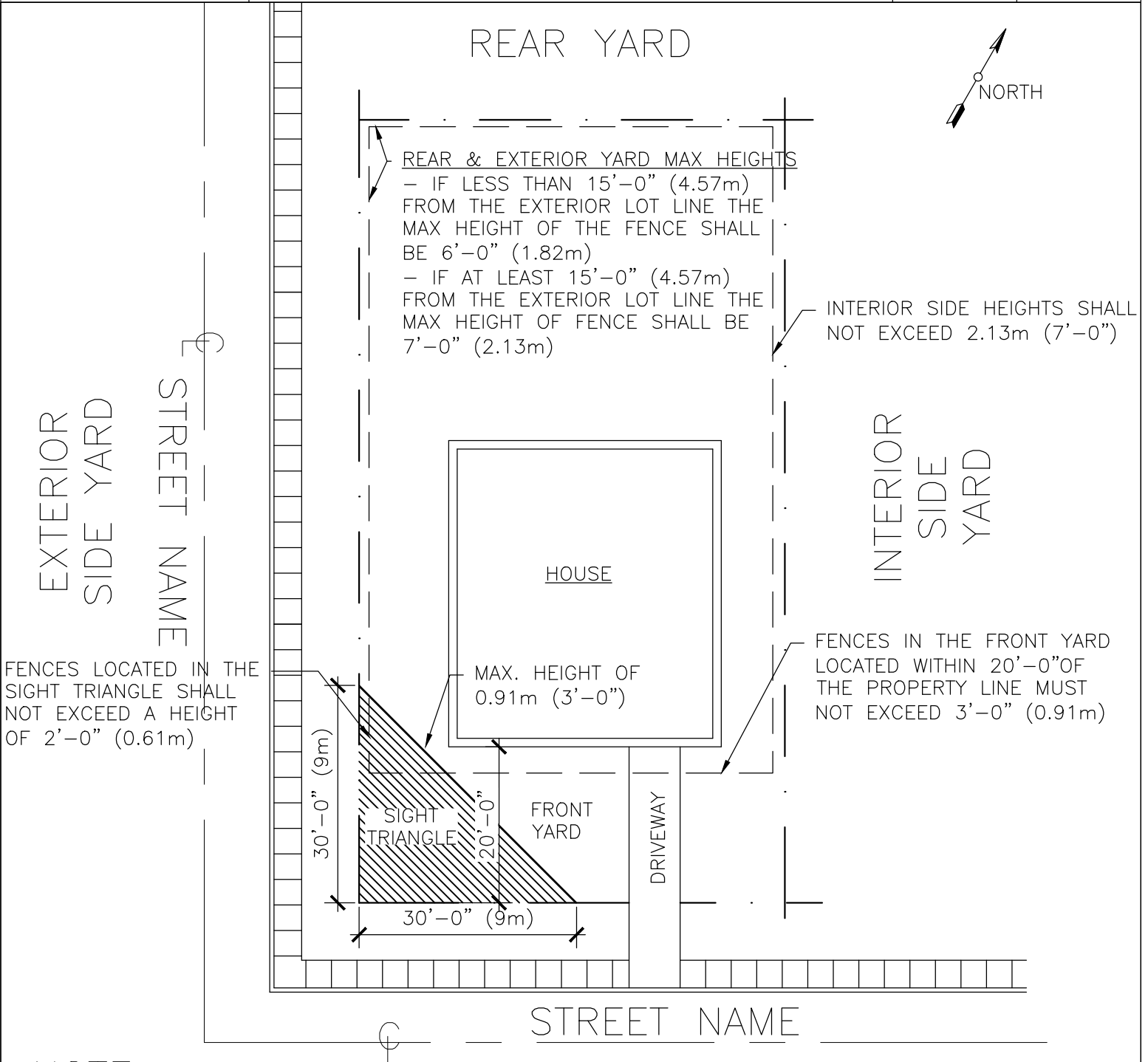
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* SEE PG A7 FOR DRIVEWAY VISIBILITY TRIANGLE REQUIREMENTS



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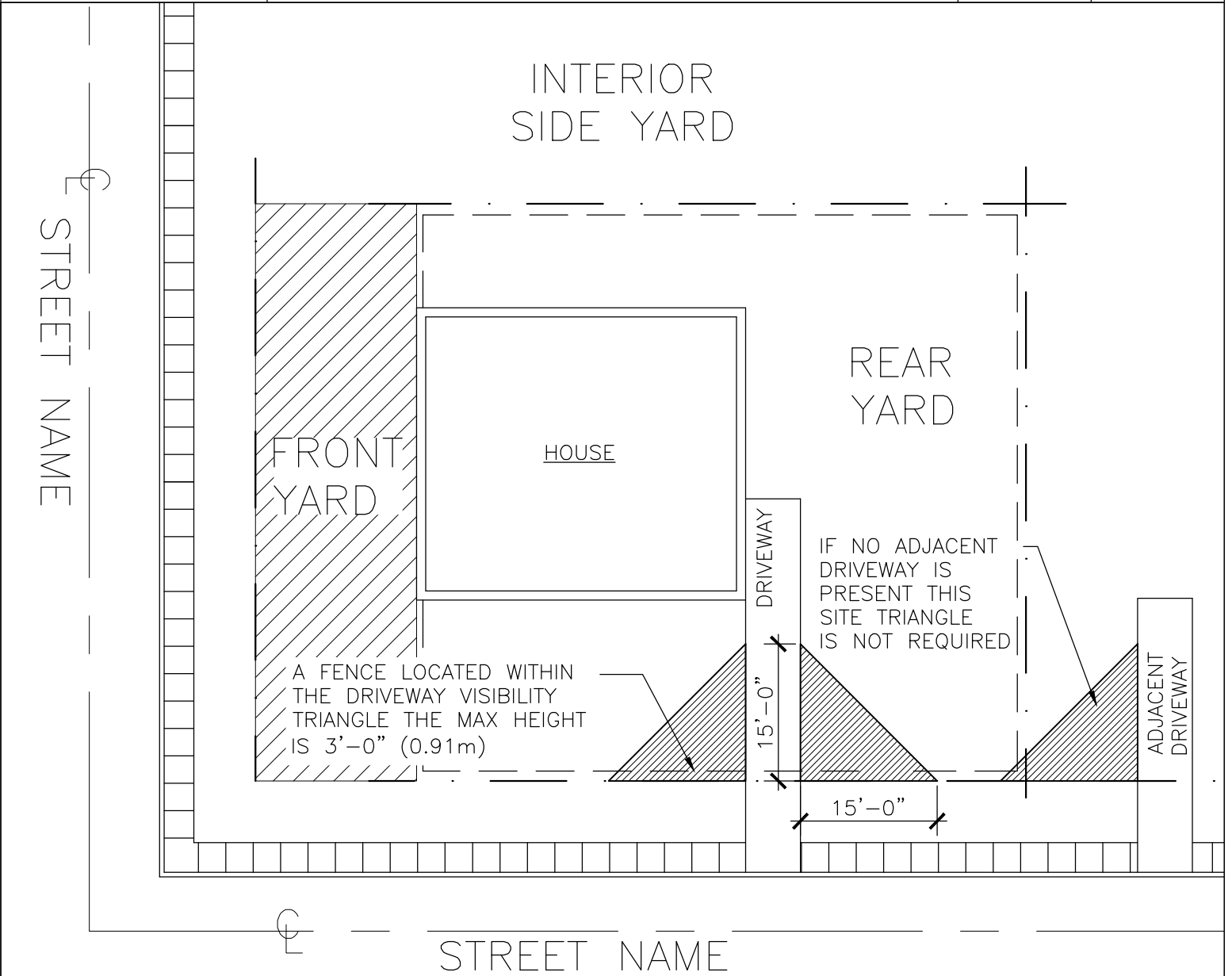
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NOTE:

- A FENCE LOCATED IN THE DRIVEWAY VISIBILITY TRIANGLE MAY HAVE A MAX HEIGHT OF 6'-0" (1.8m) IF, THE AREA OF DAYLIGHT VISIBLE THROUGH THE FENCE IS AT LEAST 60% OF THE SURFACE AREA. THE CITY ENGINEER MUST APPROVE SUCH FENCE, AND DETERMINE IT WILL NOT PROVIDE A VISIBILITY PROBLEM



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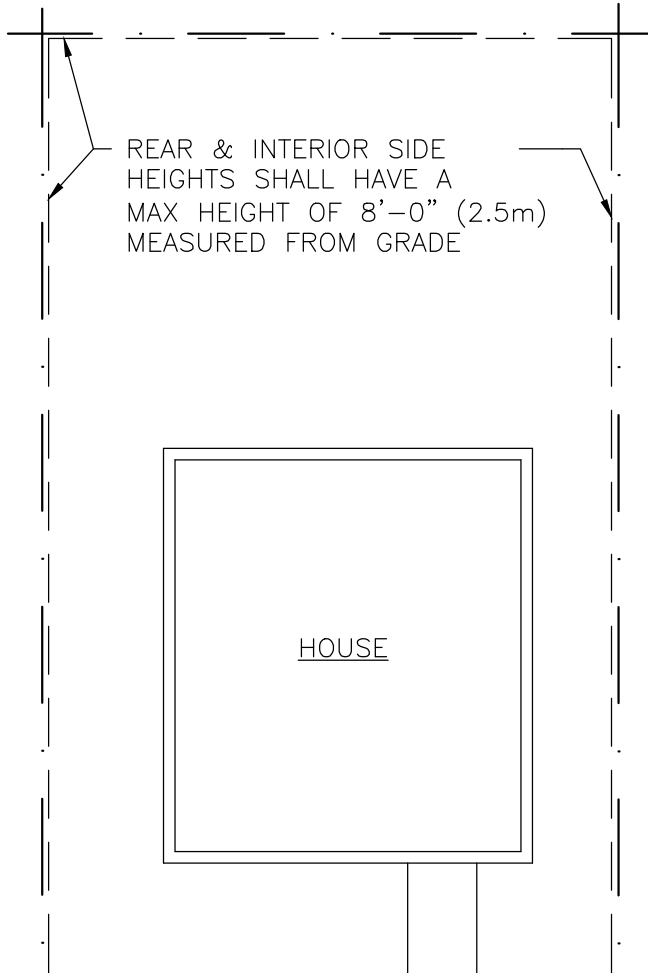
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REAR YARD

* ABUTTING A COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL,
OR INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY



INTERIOR
SIDE
YARD

INTERIOR
SIDE
YARD

HOUSE

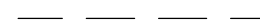

DRIVEWAY

NORTH

SIDEWALK

STREET NAME

LEGEND:

 FENCE
 PROPERTY LINE