

Intersection Sight Distance (ISD) Improvements

This policy was adopted by the Town Council on January 10, 2011

There are often requests for sight line improvements for private driveways serving private property. Sometimes, these ISD restrictions involve third party adjoining private property owners. In the spirit of cooperation and to enhance safety for all citizens, the following policy shall be in effect from this point forward:

All property owners have the right to request ISD improvements on Town property which involve removal of growth, miscellaneous obstructions, landscaping, and/or re-contouring, excavation and re-grading to improve sight lines under the following conditions:

- Property owner may be required to hire a licensed civil engineer to analyze the conditions, develop any necessary plans, and present their findings by map and/or report to the Town.
- The Town will cooperate in any reasonable manner necessary to allow the improvements to be made. A performance bond may be necessary if work is within the Town's right-of-way. A permit and proper insurance will be required of the applicant and/or his contractor.
- Any and all private property rights and associated costs required across or in front of any third party private property shall be the applicant's responsibility. The Town will not participate in any negotiations, damages or cost of physical improvements.
- The Town will allow work within the Town's right-of-way as of right as long as it does not affect or inhibit use of the highway. Adjoining property owners affected by the work must be notified of the proposed changes by the applicant by Certified Mail. The adjoining property owners shall have the right to comment and/or object to the plan. If the adjoining property owners do not agree with the work being planned, the matter shall be reviewed by the Southington Town Council and its decision shall be final. Any damages to the affected property owners must be paid by the applicant prior to the work. Once all plans are finalized and both public and private approvals are obtained, but before work commences, a permit shall be obtained from the Engineering Department.