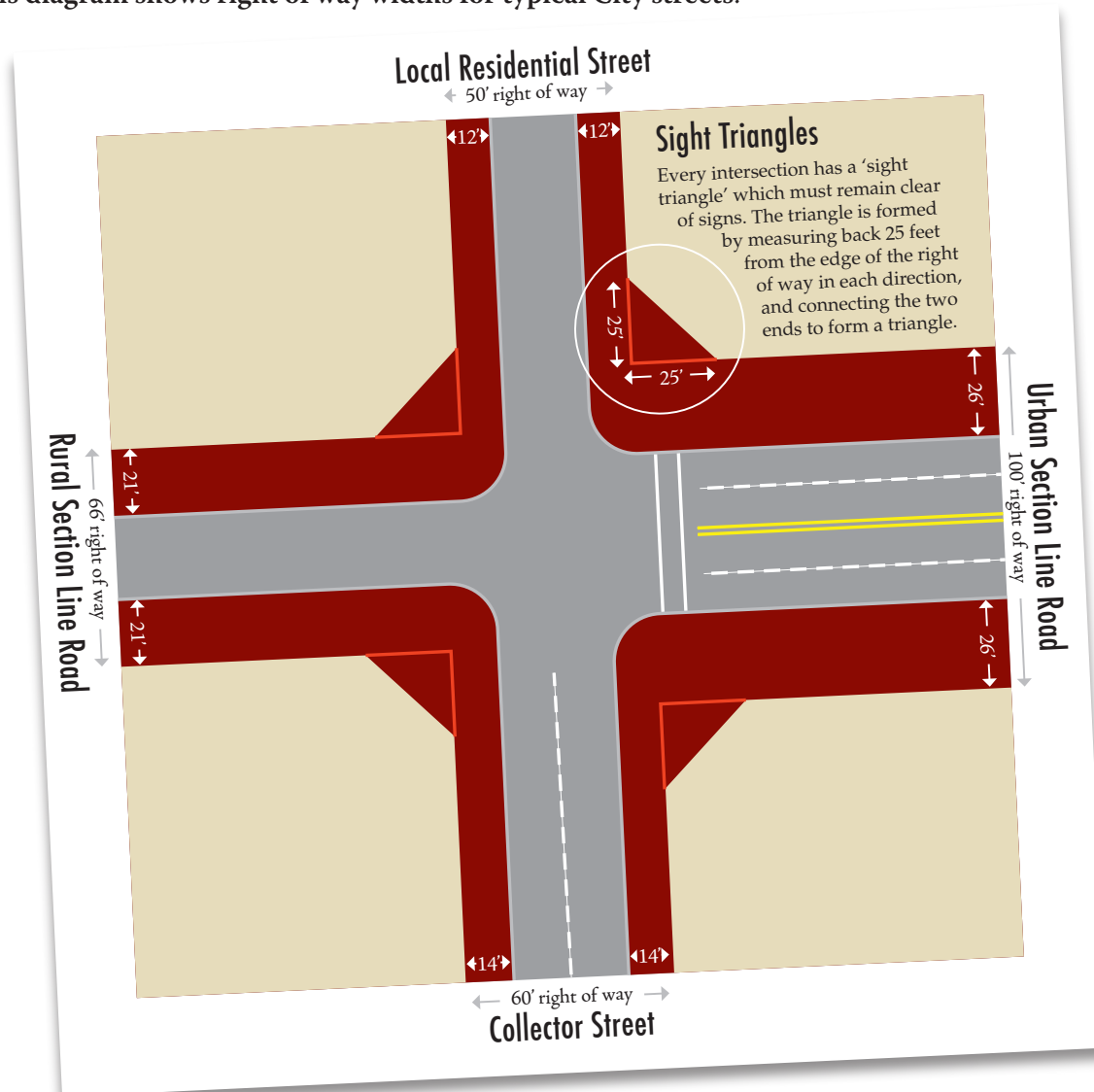


The "NO-SIGN" zone

The size of the City's street right of way varies with the width of the street. This diagram shows right of way widths for typical City streets.



Other "NO-SIGN" zones

- Any area between a curb and a sidewalk.
- Any telephone pole, electric pole, lamp post, street sign or parking meter.
- Street medians.
- Drinking fountains.
- Park roads and park property.

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A guide for real estate agents



The City of Oklahoma City



It has always been illegal to place signs in the City right of way.

Illegally-placed signs are an **eyesore** and frequently a **traffic hazard**.

The City receives more than **1100 complaints** per year about illegally-placed signs cluttering roadsides and blocking views of approaching traffic.

A recent citizen survey revealed citizens want to **get rid of street and neighborhood clutter**.

The City's **signSHEEP** is an **ongoing cleanup program** to get illegally-placed signs off the City right of way and keep them off.

Information about sign placement and sign permits is in Chapter 3 of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code.

You can find the Code online through the City's web site, www.okc.gov, or from the City Clerk's Office at 297-2391.

Can real estate signs be legally placed in the right of way?

No – real estate signs are not exempt from the sign ordinance. Signs less than 12 feet from the curb are illegally placed and will be picked up.

Where is it legal to place real estate signs?

Real estate signs can be legally placed 12 feet from the curb in front of the property that is being sold. Signs in front of commercial property should be placed 26 feet from the curb.

How do I know where the City right of way is?

Streets in Oklahoma City have varying right of way widths; however, generally speaking, areas between the sidewalk and the curb are in the street right of way and on most local residential streets the area within 12 feet of the curb or street pavement is the street right of way. On major arterial streets, the area within 26 feet of the curb or street paving is the right of way.

Does this include open house signs?

Yes.

Can I put an open house sign in the yard of a property owner on a corner or neighborhood gateway?

No.

Can I place an open house sign at the entrance of an addition?

No. The entrance is in the City's right of way.

Can I get my sign back after the City has removed it?

No. Signs are thrown away. The City is trying to improve the appearance of City streets by removing sign clutter.

Why are you picking up real estate signs when there are lots of other illegally-placed signs out there too?

Our intent is to remove *all* illegally-placed signs. Real estate signs aren't being singled out.

What happens if I continue to put signs illegally on the right of way?

City staff will continue to confiscate and dispose of your illegally-placed signs. If you continue, a City Zoning Inspector may issue a citation that could lead to a fine. If you ignore the citation and do not pay the fine, an arrest warrant may be issued against you.