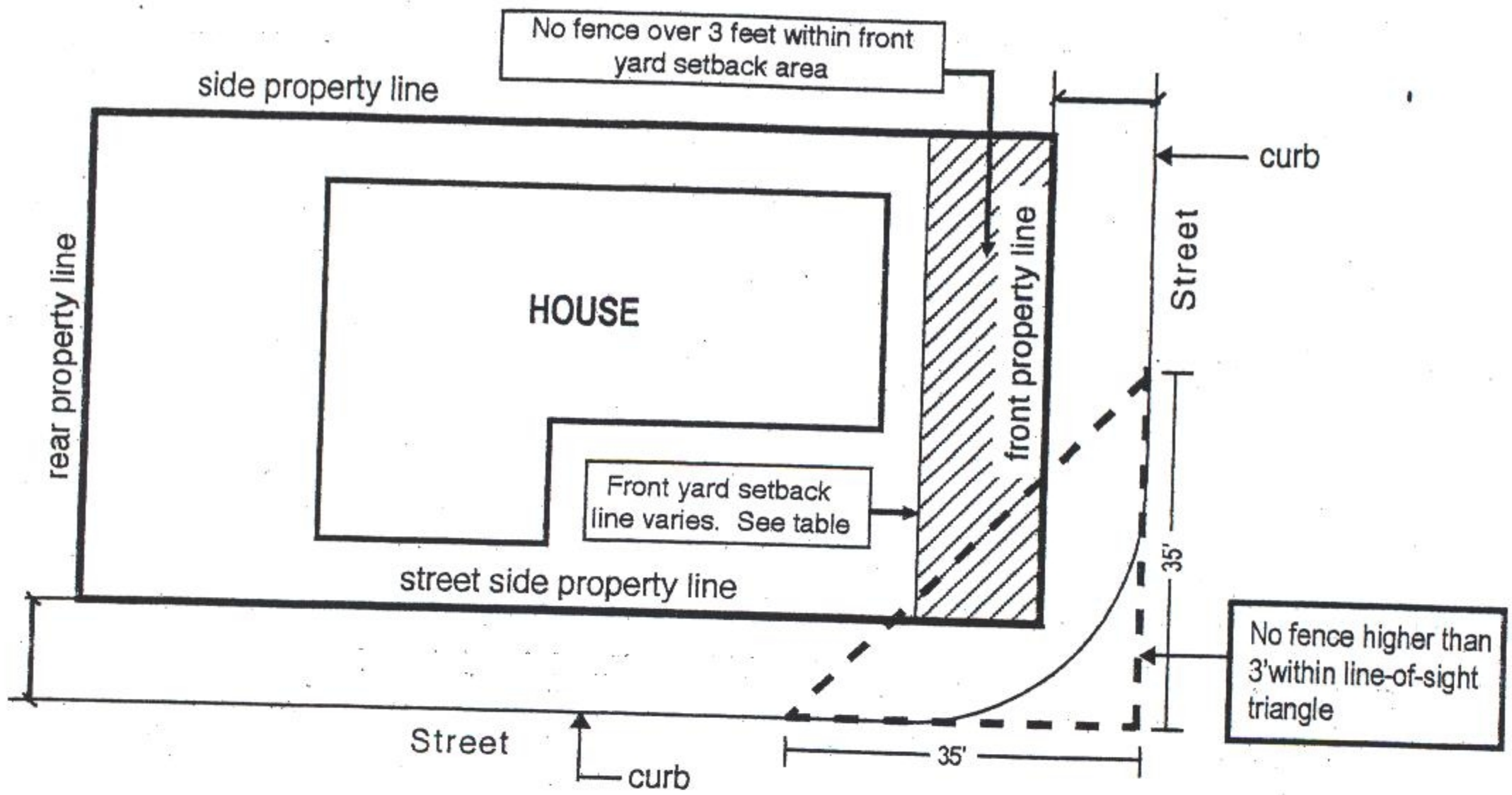
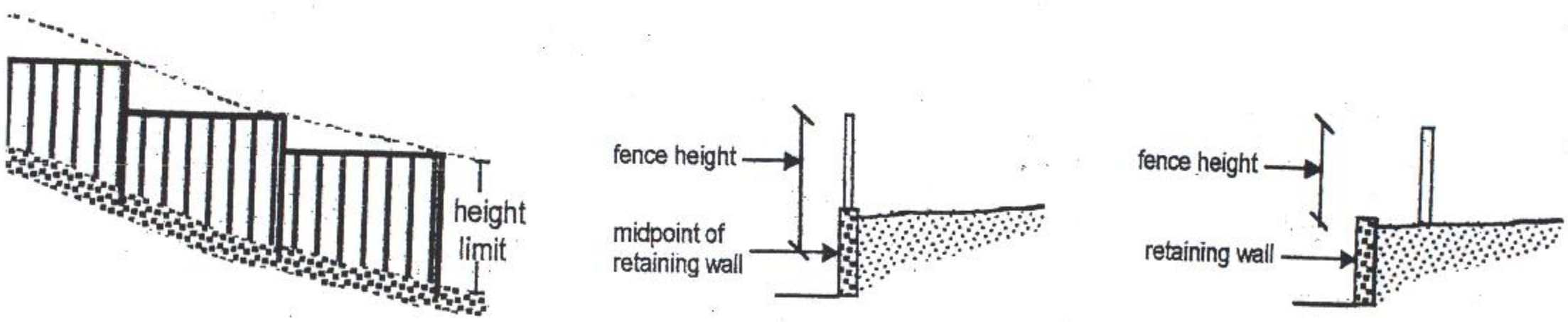
City of El Cerrito—Planning Division: FENCE REQUIREMENTS



CORNER LOT

Measuring Fence Height

The height of a fence is the distance from the grade of the property to the top of the fence at any point. If the fence is attached to a retaining wall, the fence height is measured from the midpoint of the outer face of the retaining wall. If the fence is not structurally connected to a retaining wall, the fence may be the full height normally allowed.



Building Permit Required

The City of El Cerrito requires a building permit for any fence over three feet

Where the fence is between properties, a property survey or a signed and notarized Fence Placement Agreement form will be required. The Fence Placement Agreement form which is available at the Building Division must be signed by the adjoining property owner agreeing to the location of the fence.

Per the City Zoning Ordinance 19.28.500: Landscaping and Screening