

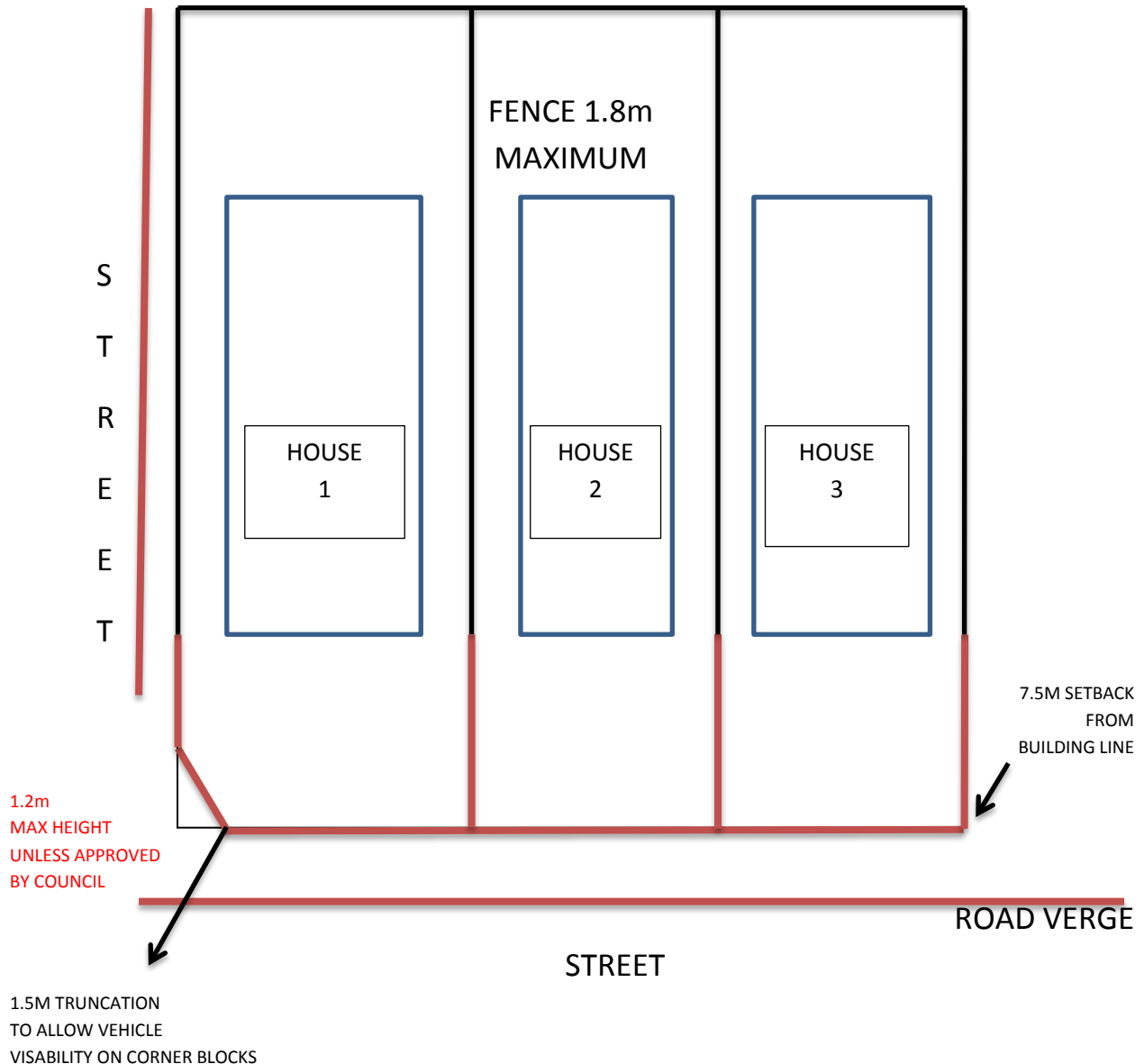


DIVIDING FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Laws applicable to dividing fences are covered under the *Dividing Fences Act 1961*, with Councils given the power to produce Local Laws applicable to its geographical area.

A “standard” dividing fence does not require a building permit as long as it complies with the Local Laws of the Local Authority and most fencing products are acceptable for dividing fences. Council does have discretionary decision making powers for any fence outside the Local Laws but needs to take into consideration the need for the variation and the Street Scape for the area.

A typical “standard” dividing fence in the residential area can be a maximum of 1.8m in height that tapers down to a maximum of 1.2m once the fence passes the front setback line. (See diagram for further detail). Corner blocks are required to have a 1.5m truncation to allow visibility for motor vehicles on the road and for reversing onto a road or a thoroughfare.



For any further enquiries on this topic please contact Council’s Manager of Regulatory Services on 99531388 during normal office hours