

**Landmarks Ordinance Revisions**  
**Legistar ID # 17835**

**Visually Related Area Definition – Legislative History**

**Current Definitions:**

Visually related area for a corner parcel shall be defined as the area described by a circle drawn on a two hundred (200) foot radius, the center being the center of the corner parcel, i.e. the intersection of diagonals from the principal corners of that parcel. (Am. by Ord. 8690, 10-10-85 & 11-14-85; Am. by Ord. 13,001, 2-8-02)

Visually related area for a parcel within a block (not a corner parcel) shall be defined as the area described by a two hundred (200) foot circle drawn from the centerpoint of the streetside (front) lot line. (Am. by Ord. 8690, 10-10-85 & 11-14-85; Am. by Ord. 13,001, 2-8-02)

**Legislative History:**

1. The Landmarks Commission ordinance was first created in 1971; no definitions of visually related area were included at that time.
2. The definition of Visually Related Area was first adopted and published on 01-09-79 which created a 200 foot radius for a corner parcel, and a 100 foot radius for a non-corner parcel.
3. The definition was almost amended on 10-10-85 and **vetoed** by then Mayor Sensenbrenner to increase the Visually Related Area radius to 250 feet for a corner parcel and 200 feet for a non-corner parcel.
4. The definition was amended by Ordinance 8690, adopted and signed by Sensenbrenner on 11-14-85, to a 1,000 foot radius for both corner and non-corner parcels.
5. The definition was again amended by Ordinance 13,001 on 2-08-02 to establish the current definition which includes a 200 ft radius for both corner and non-corner parcels.

There is no history within the legislative record that excludes or includes non-contributing buildings within the VRA, as there is no definition of contributing or non-contributing within the Local Historic Districts. Contributing/non-contributing language is used only in national Historic Districts which are not regulated by the Landmarks Commission.