

Brick Sidewalk Policy

A. CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS

Construction and materials under this article shall be subject to the supervision of the City Engineer or his representative and shall be in accordance with Sections 25-16 and 25-155 of the City Code. Upon the issuance of a permit for the construction of a sidewalk in the city, the City Engineer, shall establish the grade for such sidewalk, and inspect the construction of the same and require the construction of such sidewalk in accordance with this policy and the applicable sections of the City Code.

- 1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, sidewalks constructed or reconstructed upon any public right-of-way in the city shall be of Portland cement concrete in accordance with the most recent version of the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. All sidewalks outside of the Central Business District shall have a minimum width of four (4) feet and shall be of a minimum thickness of four (4) inches, except at driveway or alley crossings, where the thickness shall be a minimum of six (6) inches for the width of the driveway or alley plus at least two feet on both sides of the alley or driveway. All sidewalks within the Central Business District shall have a minimum width of five (5) feet and shall be of a minimum thickness of five (5) inches, except at driveway or alley crossings, where the thickness shall be a minimum of eight (8) inches for the width of the driveway or alley plus at least two feet on both sides of the alley or driveway.
- 2) Exceptions to paragraph (1):
 - a. When the City council has approved a general design plan by motion, resolution, or ordinance, the provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to the extent such would interfere with the approved general design plan.
 - b. When the existing sidewalk is constructed of brick, replacements shall be as required in paragraph (B).

B. BRICK SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/RECONSTRUCTION

When any portion of the public sidewalk that is constructed of brick is reconstructed or replaced, that portion shall be replaced with concrete, unless one of the following conditions exists:

- 1) The particular section of city owned sidewalk constructed of brick to be replaced is located within a “protected brick walk block”. A “protected brick

walk block” is defined as any block within the “Galesburg National Register Historic District” or a locally designated “Historic District” as approved by the City Council, where the sidewalk on one side of the street or the average of both sides of the street is 60% or more brick sidewalk, or

- 2) The city owned sidewalk has been designated “historic” or the property adjacent to the city owned sidewalk is a locally designated landmark as approved by the City Council under the City’s Historic Preservation Ordinance, or
- 3) The property owner adjacent to the city owned sidewalk does not agree to replacing the brick walk with a concrete walk, or
- 4) The reconstruction is required due to utility work including but not limited to gas, electric, phone, cable, water, fiber, or sanitary sewer, or
- 5) The reconstruction or repair is required due to damage to the sidewalk and is a localized or spot repair only.

If one of the five above listed conditions exists, the sidewalk shall be replaced or reconstructed in brick. However, if the property owner adjacent to the city owned sidewalk does not agree to replacing the brick walk with a concrete walk (Condition #3 above) and none of the four (4) other conditions are applicable, the owner shall be required to pay the additional cost to reconstruct the sidewalk in brick versus concrete.

If the brick sidewalk passes through a driveway or alley, a 4” portland cement concrete base with 1” sand bedding shall be constructed underneath the brick sidewalk for the width of the driveway or alley plus two feet on both sides.

Notwithstanding the restrictions set forth in this section concerning the retention of brick sidewalks, those sections of brick sidewalk need not be retained where the City Council finds that due to changes in the vicinity of a specific request for waiver, brick sidewalk no longer serves as an enhancement. In such cases, waiver may be granted by a motion passed by a majority vote of the alderpersons then holding office.