



SIDEWALK REGULATIONS

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS: shall mean the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement or removal, of a public sidewalk and/or the excavating, filling or depositing of material in the public right-of-way in connection therewith.

PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall remove, reconstruct or install a sidewalk unless such person has obtained a permit from the city and has agreed in writing that said removal, reconstruction or installation complies with all ordinances and requirements of the city for such work.

SIDEWALK STANDARDS. Sidewalks repaired, replaced or constructed under the provisions of this chapter shall be of the following construction and meet the following standards:

1. Concrete. Portland cement concrete shall be the only material used in the construction and repair of sidewalks.
2. Construction. Sidewalks shall be of one-course construction.
3. Sidewalk Base. Concrete may be placed directly on compact and well-drained soil. Where soil is not well-drained, a three (3) inch sub-base of compact, clean, coarse gravel, sand or cinders shall be laid. The adequacy of the soil drainage is to be determined by the city.
4. Sidewalk Bed. The sidewalk bed shall be graded to the established grade.
5. Length, Width and Depth. Length, width and depth requirements are as follows:
 - A. Residential sidewalks shall be at least four (4) feet wide and four (4) inches thick, and each section shall be no more than four (4) feet in length.
 - B. Business district sidewalks shall extend from the property line to the curb. Each section shall be four (4) inches thick and not more than six (6) feet in length.
 - C. Residential driveway sidewalk areas shall be not less than six (6) inches in thickness.
 - D. Commercial driveway sidewalk areas shall be not less than seven (7) inches in thickness.
6. Location. Residential sidewalks shall be located with the inner edge (edge nearest the abutting private property) one foot from the property line, unless the Public Works Director shall establish a different distance due to circumstances.
7. Slope. All sidewalks shall slope one-quarter inch per foot toward the curb.
8. Finish. All sidewalks shall be finished with a "broom" or "wood float" finish.

Any questions pertaining to Sidewalks should be directed to Engineering Division, Newton Public Works Office at 792-6622.