



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

CITY COUNCIL POLICY No. 2010 - 02

POLICY REGARDING SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS

WHEREAS, there are aesthetic and cost concerns regarding any municipal decision to construct, repair or replace sidewalks using either brick or concrete; and

WHEREAS, the determination of the materials to be used in sidewalk construction repair and replacement must be made early in the design and engineering process in order to accommodate the City's bidding and contractual policies; and

WHEREAS, a request for a variance from this sidewalk policy regarding standard materials and typical sidewalk and driveway details (Exhibit B) will be made to the Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, there may be additional costs for variances from this policy that will be paid by the benefiting parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council adopts the following policy:

- A. Whenever sidewalks are constructed, repaired or replaced in the City the following shall apply:
 1. Sidewalks within the Historic District will be brick, with the exception of the following streets which will be concrete:
 - a. Islington Street,
 - b. New Castle Avenue east of Marcy Street,
 - c. Middle Street and Lafayette Road south of Aldrich Road; and
 - d. All streets west of the easterly shore of the North Mill Pond, with the exception of Nobles Island.

(All as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.)
 2. Where practicable, the excepted streets above shall have brick border. Practicable means consistent with American Disability Act requirements, rights-of-way availability, and other limitations. Sidewalk material for sidewalks located outside the Historic District which have historically been brick will be determined by vote of the City Council.
- B. The following streets outside the Historic District are currently brick and will be replaced with brick:
 - a. Richards Avenue from Parrott Avenue to Middle Street;
 - b. Austin Street from Middle Street to Summer Street;

- c. Cabot Street from end to end;
 - d. State Street from Union towards the Historic District;
 - e. Union Street from State Street to Islington Street;
 - f. Mark Street; and
 - g. Rogers Street with the exception of the abutting Middle School
- C. The preferred standard material for all other sidewalks will be concrete.
- D. Driveway aprons in the City shall be continuous bituminous asphalt from the edge of road to property line. Sidewalks, if any, shall terminate on either side of driveway apron. Deviations from asphalt are permitted upon approval of the Director of Public Works; any additional cost for an alternative treatment must be paid for by the property owners.
- E. The typical practice at corners is to wrap the brick around the corner to the next driveway.

This policy shall take effect upon the passage by the City Council.

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