

CITY OF ORRVILLE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION POLICY

In order to provide for the health and welfare of the citizens of Orrville, as a result of months of meetings, and following the guidance of a survey of the citizens of Orrville, this Sidewalk Advisory Committee hereby adopts the following policy:

City Council will require the installation of sidewalks along certain streets which score enough points to warrant the installation of said sidewalks. The criteria established are as follows:

1. The need to connect areas with existing sidewalks in order to provide safe walkways for pedestrian traffic between these areas (6 points);
2. The street's proximity to schools, business districts, apartment complexes, or senior citizen housing (5 points);
3. The topography of the street (hills, curves) as they relate to safety of pedestrians walking in the street (4 points);
4. Citizens in the area have petitioned for the sidewalks to be installed (3 points);
5. The street is an arterial or collector street (2 points);
6. To eliminate the necessity of busing school children (1 point).

Streets rating 13 points or above will have sidewalks within two years. Streets rating 11 or 12 points will have sidewalks within five years. Streets with ratings 10 or below will not be required to install sidewalks at this time, but will be re-rated each year to determine if their point standing has changed.

The needs of the needy senior citizens or handicapped individuals will be met through a program where the city will pay 50% of the installation cost if the senior-headed or handicap-headed household meets the income guidelines for low-moderate income households as established by the State of Ohio, Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, as revised from time to time.

Further, this committee recognizes that there are areas where the severe topography or limited right-of-way may prohibit or severely limit the capability to install sidewalks. In these cases consideration will be given to having sidewalks installed along only one side of the street.

There will be a cap on the maximum cost per lineal foot to be borne by each property owner. The cap shall be one and one-half the cost per lineal foot to install sidewalk along a property in a new development. This cost shall be referred to as the "base cost" and shall be determined by the City's engineer at the time that an estimated assessed cost is prepared for the Resolution of Necessity (Ohio Revised Code 729.02). If the amount of the cost to be assessed per lineal foot exceeds the base cost per lineal foot by one and one-half times, the City shall pay the difference between one and one-half times the base cost and the assessed cost. The City will not pay the difference if the owner chooses to have their own contractor do the work.

Recommendation: For streets with 13 points or above, Council will pass a resolution of necessity in 1997 with a two year deadline for completion of the sidewalk installation, and pass a resolution of necessity three years later giving streets with 11 or 12 points two years to install their sidewalks.

Adopted by the Sidewalk Advisory Committee on November 25, 1996.

Adopted by Orrville City Council on February 18, 1997.