

**Chapter 12.12
Sidewalks**

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12.12.10 Requirements.

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to lay, construct or rebuild a sidewalk on any public street or public avenue in the village of Oakfield unless the same is in full compliance with the following provisions:

A. All such sidewalks hereafter built in said village shall be constructed of cement, unless the village board shall by special permit in locations where it is not feasible to use cement, authorize the use of some other material.

B. The space over which the sidewalk is to be laid shall be excavated to a proper depth below the finished grade, and shall be free from soft, thin, elongated material below this level, which must be removed and earth put in its place and well rammed, or rolled until the surface is uniform and unyielding. On this foundation after wetting, shall be laid a bed of concrete four inches thick when compressed.

C. Where driveways cross the sidewalk, six inches in thickness of concrete shall be laid for the full width of the driveway. The concrete shall consist of measurement of one part of Portland cement, two parts of sand and three parts of stone. The fine aggregate shall consist of washed, clean, hard, durable, uncoated particles of sand, free from all organic matter. One hundred (100) percent shall pass a one-quarter-inch screen, and ninety-five (95) percent shall be retained on a one hundred (100) mesh screen. It shall be well graded from coarse to fine. The coarse aggregate may be broken stone or gravel. The broken stone or gravel shall be clean, washed,

hard, durable, un-coated rock. It shall contain no vegetable or other deleterious matter, and shall be free from soft, thin, elongated or laminated pieces. One hundred (100) percent of the coarse aggregate shall pass a one-inch screen and at least ninety-five (95) percent shall be retained on a one-quarter-inch screen, with all intermediate sizes retained. The sand and cement shall be mixed dry, then made into a mortar with a minimum amount of water and then thoroughly mixed with the broken stone previously drenched, hydrated lime equal to five percent of weight of cement shall be added. When spread on the foundation, it shall be rammed until a free mortar appears on the surface or rolled with an acceptable perforated roller and the surface trowel finished and brushed. The work is to be kept moist and protected from the rays of the sun until perfectly set. Blind joints shall be so cut that no block will be more than thirty-six (36) square feet of superficial area.

D. All cement used in this work to be of the best quality, American Portland cement, and shall stand the test prescribed by the American Society for Testing Materials.

E. A space of one inch shall be left between walk and curb wherever walks are built to corners, alleys or approaches, the same to be filled with Carey's Elastite or its equivalent. A three-eighths-inch joint shall also be provided for every sixty (60) lineal feet of walk. All sidewalks hereafter constructed, built or rebuilt on any street or avenue in said village shall be not less than four feet, six inches in width, except where there are existing standard cement walks of different widths, in which case the new sidewalks shall conform to the width of the existing standard sidewalk as determined by the village board.

F. Line and Grade. All sidewalks so laid, replaced or repaired shall conform to the lines and grades as established by the village board, and as marked or staked out by the committee on streets, or its authorized

representative. All sidewalks shall have a minimum pitch of one-quarter of an inch per foot of the inside edge of said sidewalk toward the curb line of the street.

G. Adoption of Grade. Whenever the village board shall hereafter adopt a grade upon an improved, the owner of any lot or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the said village adjacent to or abutting upon any sidewalk which does not conform to the grade as so adopted, or the proper line, shall raise or lower and otherwise adjust his walk to conform to said grade and line, or if such owner shall fail or neglect to do so, the village board shall do the work or cause the work to be done and charge the cost thereof to the owner of such lot or parcel of land in the manner provided by law for ordering and said village; provided, however, that if the owner shall have theretofore laid his sidewalk to grade given by the village board or by the committee on streets, the expense of such removal shall be borne by the village. (Prior code § 6.01(1))

12.12.20 License required.

It is unlawful for any person to lay, remove, replace or repair any sidewalk upon or within any public street, avenue, alley or pedestrian lane within the corporate limits of the village of Oakfield without first having applied for and obtained a license therefore from the director of public works of said village. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any person desiring in his own proper person to lay, remove, replace or repair his own sidewalk or that part of the sidewalk immediately in front of property owned by him. The fee for such license is set from time-to-time by the village board, and such license shall expire on the thirtieth day of June, first, following date of issuance thereof. (Prior code § 6.01 (2)) (2007-5)

12.12.030 Director of public works to have powers of street commissioner.

The director of public works, as appointed by the village board of said village, shall have and possess all powers of the street commissioner relating to the construction and repair of sidewalks, as given to said commissioner under the Wisconsin Statutes for the year 1965, together with acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. (Prior code § 6.01 (3))