

**RESOLUTION NO. R03 – 2015**

**BOROUGH OF SAEGERTOWN**  
**COUNTY OF CRAWFORD**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR  
SIDEWALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 1 - 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of Saegertown desires to adopt regulations and guidelines in accordance with Ordinance No. 1 – 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Saegertown wishes consider the following guidelines and regulations as to sidewalks within the Borough of Saegertown:

**NOTE: Americans With Disabilities Act is hereinafter designated as ADA.**

**Section A: New Sidewalks:**

1. Concrete shall be a minimum 6 bag cement mixture.
2. All sidewalks shall be a minimum Four (4) feet wide. (48 inches)
3. Sidewalks on Main Street shall be a minimum of 60 inches wide.
4. Minimum thickness in residentially zoned districts shall be 4 inches thick.
5. Minimum thickness in Commercial or Industrial (Manufacturing) Districts shall be 6 inches thick, at all egress and access locations.
6. Base material under sidewalks shall be a minimum of 2 inches thick of clean washed pea gravel.
7. All concrete to be fiber or mesh re-enforced.
  - a. Mesh re-enforcement shall not extend past or under joints or saw cuts.
8. There shall be a slab or saw cut at a minimum of every four (4) feet.
9. An inspection by the Borough is required after forms, grades and base materials are in place, and prior to the pouring of any concrete.
10. Finish concrete shall be non-slip broom or brush finish.
11. All street corners or alley intersections shall be ADA compliant.
  - a. This is at the property owner's expense.
  - b. Sidewalks shall join existing streets or alleys with a smooth transition to the existing street or ally, and be no more than ½ inch variance in elevation.
12. Sidewalks constructed next to existing trees must have special joints or barriers as noted in the section under "Trees".
13. All grades and plans shall be approved by the Borough prior to construction.
14. Storm water requirements shall be strictly followed.

15. No sidewalk or section of a sidewalk shall be permitted to hold any standing water.
16. Sidewalks extending from porches, steps etc. (that are perpendicular to the street) shall not extend past the existing parallel sidewalk line or a minimum of 4 feet from the street.
17. Perpendicular sidewalks shall NOT be higher than the existing grade, and shall not interfere with the plowing of snow from the streets or alleys. This grade must be approved by the Borough prior to construction.
18. Under no circumstances shall any sidewalk be higher than the existing street, or constructed at an elevation that may be hit by a snow plow plowing any street or berm.

**Section B: Repairing Existing Sidewalks:**

1. There shall be a maximum of ½ inch alignment in elevation in each section of the sidewalk, or between abutting sections of sidewalk.
2. There shall be no gaps or cracks of more than 1 inch wide in each section of the sidewalk or abutting sections of sidewalks.
3. Grass, weeds or vegetation of any kind are not permitted to accumulate or be present in any crack or joint of any sidewalk.
4. Slope on the length of the sidewalk shall be no more than 1 inch per 12 inches (8.33%)
5. Slope cross width of the sidewalk shall be no more than ¼ inch per 12 inches (2%)
6. Replaced sidewalk sections shall use the same guidelines as a new sidewalk.
7. Finish concrete shall be non-slip broom or brush.
8. ADA corners shall be installed (at the property owners' expense) at all intersections of any street or alley.
9. Grades and repairs shall be approved by the Borough prior to construction.
10. All street corners or alley intersections shall be ADA compliant.
  - a. This is at the property owner's expense.
  - b. Sidewalks shall join existing streets or alleys with a smooth transition to the existing street or ally, and be more than ½ inch variance in elevation.
11. Sidewalks that meet all standards of this ordinance and resolution except that they are narrower than 48" may be temporarily exempted by Council if:
  - a. Property owner agrees in writing to comply with the 48" width if the sidewalks are replaced or repaired, or ***are in need of*** replacement or repair.
  - b. Corners shall be brought into compliance with the ADA crossing regulations.

- c. The exempted property owner shall notify any future owner of the property that this agreement exists and transfers from owner to owner.
13. Under no circumstances shall any sidewalk be higher than the existing street, or constructed at an elevation that may be hit by a snow plow plowing any street or berm.

**Section C: Removal of Existing Sidewalks:**

1. All materials from sidewalks being removed or replaced shall be *removed from the Borough* and properly disposed of. Property owners shall be required to document disposal sites.
2. Storage of old sidewalk material shall NOT be stored on the property or in the Borough, unless approved for use and location, as fill material.
3. Yards where sidewalks are removed shall be returned to the grade of the existing property and properly planted with grass to match existing property.
4. Water shall not be permitted to accumulate in previous sidewalk areas.

**Section D: Trees:**

1. Property owners concerned about trees damaging sidewalks shall, with the written approval of Borough Council be permitted to remove any tree and stump in front of their property (including in right of way) at their own expense.
2. Trees that are removed must have the stump removed also.
3. The Borough shall not plant any trees on the right-of way of any street without the written permission of the property owner, whom then shall accept responsibility for any damage to any existing or future sidewalk, and make the necessary repairs.
4. The transfer of any property shall carry this agreement to the new and any future owner.

**Section E: New trees near existing sidewalks:**

1. Protective barriers shall be installed next to any sidewalk that is approved and meets requirements of the sidewalk ordinance, when planting any new trees.
2. Protective Barriers shall be installed per the specifications listed under “Tree Barriers”.

**Section F: ADA Requirements:**

1. All new sidewalks and repairs to existing sidewalks shall be to ADA requirements, or to the requirements of the ordinance, whichever is the most restrictive.
2. Minimum width of ramps and sidewalks shall be Four (4) feet wide.
3. Minimum slope on the length of the sidewalks shall be 8.33% (1 inch per 12 inches)
4. Minimum cross slope of ramps and sidewalks shall be 2% (1/4 inch per 12 inches)
5. Alignment shall be within 1-inch crossways.
6. Alignment in elevation shall be no more than ½ inch.
7. Must have non-slip finish (broom or brush is acceptable)
8. All street corners or alley intersections shall be ADA compliant.
  - a This is at the property owner's expense.
  - b. Sidewalks shall join existing streets or alleys with a smooth transition to the existing street or ally, and be no more than ½ inch variance in elevation.
9. ADA compatible ***Detectable Warnings*** shall be installed at the intersection of each street and alley if the property owner elects to keep, replace or repair sidewalks. This shall be at the property owner's expense.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that that the regulations listed above are adopted.

RESOLVED this 8th day of June, 2015.