

October 14, 2008

To: Alderman Holding, Chairman
Public Works & Services Committee

From: John C. Rooney, Asst. Commissioner of Public Works/Engineering

RE: Item 08-2737

This item pertains to the request of the Engineering Department to create a consistent sidewalk width on Ohio Street, from Washington Avenue to Durand Avenue. As you know, Phase 1 of Ohio Street will be completed this year from 16th Street to 21st Street, with Phase 2 (21st to Durand) completed in 2010 and Phase 3 (16th to Washington) completed in 2012. We have encountered areas in the current project limits with inconsistent sidewalk widths ranging from a minimum of 5 feet in width to a maximum of six feet. A six foot width is the most logical choice for 100 foot arterial right-of-way width with a pavement width 76 feet. This change to Section 82-123 will create a uniform width on future phases where sidewalk needs to be replaced as part of the road project, is added on locations where sidewalk currently does not exist, is required through public hearing improvement, or is ordered to be replaced as part of the City's routine sidewalk inspection program. Below is the current ordinance pertaining to required sidewalk widths.

Sec. 82-123. Required widths.

(a) *Generally.* Sidewalks on the public streets of the city shall not be less than the following widths:

- (1) Three feet on all streets 20 feet or more in width but less than 30 feet.
- (2) Four feet on all streets 30 feet or more in width but less than 40 feet.
- (3) Five feet on all streets 40 feet or more in width.

(b) *Specific streets.* Sidewalks on the following named streets and portions thereof shall not be less than the following widths:

- (1) On 14th Street from South Main Street to Junction Avenue, five feet.
- (2) On Douglas Avenue, from State Street to High Street, six feet.
- (3) On Main Street, from Sixth Street to 14th Street, eight feet.
- (4) On North Main Street, from Dodge Street to Goold Street, six feet.
- (5) On Wisconsin Avenue, from Fourth Street to Seventh Street, ten feet.
- (6) On Third Street, from Lake Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue, ten feet.
- (7) On Fourth Street, from Lake Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue, ten feet.
- (8) On Fifth Street, from Main Street to College Avenue, ten feet.
- (9) On Sixth Street, from Main Street to Grand Avenue, ten feet.
- (10) On Main Street, from Root River to Sixth Street, 12 feet.
- (11) On State Street and East State Street, 12 feet.

(Code 1973, § 9.21.010)

If the committee agrees, the appropriate action would be to amend Section 82-123 to include:

Sec. 82-123(b)(12) On Ohio Street, from Washington Avenue to Durand Avenue, 6 feet.