

Title 12

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Chapter 12.04

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

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12.04.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the minimum requirements for construction of curbs, approaches, sidewalks, house numbers and the maintenance thereof. (Ord. 1325 (part), 1980).

I. SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

12.04.020 Construction specifications. All sidewalks, curbs and approaches constructed or installed or any replacements thereof in the city shall conform to the following

specifications unless specially authorized otherwise by the council of the city:

A. All sidewalks shall be at least four inches thick, except where automobile driveways cross the same, in which case the sidewalks shall be at least six inches in thickness for that portion used as the driveway; that part of the driveway extending from the curb to the sidewalk shall also be at least six inches in thickness.

B. All sidewalks shall be at least five feet in width and have a slope of not less than one-fourth inch to each foot, with the edge of the sidewalk nearest the street to be at a level not lower than the crown of the street.

C. All sidewalks constructed along Main Street shall be of such width as to extend from the curb to the property lines; all sidewalks constructed before or in front of a place of business shall extend from the curb to the property line.

D. All curbs shall be sixteen inches high, six inches in width at the top, eight inches in width on the bottom, with slope to the street side, and with not more than seven inches of the curb to protrude above the surface of the road.

E. All approaches to driveways shall be at least one and five-eighths inches higher than the gutter and not less than twelve feet in width at the curb.

F. All curbs and sidewalks at intersections shall be constructed in such manner as not to create a hazard to pedestrian or automobile traffic.

G. All concrete and cement shall be of a mixture of at least one part cement, three parts sand, and five parts crushed rock or gravel.

H. All surfaces shall be of a roughened texture so as to provide suitable footing for foot traffic. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §1, 1980).

12.04.030 Curb construction. A. The standard for construction of curbs on each side of any street, or any connecting street or road for which curbs and sidewalks have been prescribed, shall not be less than two ramps per lineal block on or near the crosswalks at intersections. Such ramps shall be at least thirty-six inches wide and so constructed as to allow reasonable access to the crosswalk for physically handicapped persons.

B. The standards in this chapter set for curb ramping shall not apply to any curbs presently existing, but shall apply to all new curb construction and to all replacement curbs constructed at any point in a block which gives reasonable access to a crosswalk. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §2, 1980).

12.04.040 Licensing requirements. All persons, prior to the construction of any sidewalks or curbs or any replacements thereof, shall apply to the clerk-treasurer of the

city for a sidewalk permit. The application shall set out the location, size, type, and other pertinent data relative to such construction and such other data as may be required by the building inspector of the city. The city clerk-treasurer, upon receipt of such application, shall present the same to the building inspector of the city, and, upon his approval, a license for the construction of the sidewalk, free of charge, shall be issued to the applicant. If the building inspector fails to approve the application for any reason, the applicant shall be entitled to present the same to the city council at any meeting thereof and the council shall either deny the application or shall grant the license, subject to such terms of this chapter. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §3, 1980).

12.04.050 Nuisance declared when. All sidewalks that are constructed and which fail to conform to the standards set out in Section 12.04.020 are a nuisance and subject to any ordinance or law of the state of Washington providing abatement of nuisances. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §4, 1980).

12.04.060 Responsibility for maintenance of improved sidewalks. Whenever any street, lane, square, place or alley in the city has been improved by the construction of a sidewalk along either side thereof, the duty, burden and expense of the maintenance, cleaning, repair and renewal of such sidewalk, including the erection and maintenance of suitable barriers of wood, iron or masonry along the outer margin of the sidewalk where the same is elevated more than two feet above the abutting property, shall devolve upon the owner of the private property directly abutting on the sidewalk. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §5, 1980).

12.04.070 Violation--Penalty. Any person, firm, or individual constructing or allowing to be constructed any walk, curb, or approach in violation of this article shall be subject to a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars which fine shall be in addition to any other remedy allowed by the city to abate a nuisance, and that any person, firm, association or corporation owning land abutting a sidewalk as provided in Section 12.04.060 and who fails to maintain, repair, renew and keep the sidewalk clear, or who violates the provisions of Section 12.04.060, shall be subject to a fine of not to exceed one hundred dollars. Each and every person guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of the ordinances is committed, continued or permitted by any such person, he shall be punished accordingly. (Ord. 1325 Art. I §6, 1980).

II. SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

12.04.080 State statutes adopted by reference. RCW Chapters 35.68 and 35.70, together with all future amendments thereto, are adopted by reference in this chapter. (Ord. 1325 Art. II §1, 1980).

III. HOUSE NUMBERING

12.04.090 Method designated. All houses, residences and places of business within the city shall be numbered in accordance with the plat on file with the clerk-treasurer of the city, known as the numbering plat, which plat designates the number that each residence, house and place of business shall bear. All homes, buildings, residences and places of business constructed after the adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be assigned such number as the clerk-treasurer of the city shall designate in the permit granted for such construction. (Ord. 1325 Art. III §1, 1980).

12.04.100 Notice to occupant or owner required. Within sixty days from the date of the passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter, the clerk-treasurer of the city, shall cause notice to be given to the occupant, owner, or householder of each house, residence or place of business within the city, which notice shall designate and set out the number assigned to such house, residence or place of business. The notice may be given by mail or by personal service thereof. (Ord. 1325 Art. III §2, 1980).

12.04.110 Specifications for affixing numbers to building. Within sixty days after the notice shall have been deposited in the post office or personally served, every person, occupant, owner, householder or organization shall cause to be affixed suitable numbers at least three inches in height, and of metal or appropriate construction, at or near the front entrance of such home, residence or place of business, readily visible from a point on the sidewalk and street in front of such home or building. (Ord. 1325 Art. III §3, 1980).

12.04.120 Violation deemed misdemeanor. Any person who fails to affix such numbers within the period prescribed after notice has been given as set out in Sections 12.04.100 and 12.04.110 shall be deemed guilty of a petty misdemeanor. (Ord. 1325 Art. III §4, 1980).