

FYI re ITEM 18-00251

Vacation of Right of Way -
18th Ave.

SIDEWALK POLICY STATEMENT

Adopted by Council Action January 28, 1999; Amended by Resolution August 21, 2010 effective Noon, January 10, 2011

It shall be the policy of the City Council to provide for new sidewalk construction and the reconstruction of existing sidewalks to enhance the public safety, encourage community interaction, enhance access to and between public parks and other public facilities, facilitate environmentally sensitive methods of transportation and contribute to the overall well being of the community.

In order to accomplish these objectives it shall further be the policy of the City Council to provide an annual appropriation from the proceeds of the Local Option Sales Tax to accommodate the construction, repair, and maintenance of sidewalks within the City of Pensacola. The appropriation amount shall be determined at the time the City prepares and adopts the annual budget.

This policy statement shall not affect the application of existing ordinances requiring the repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks by the adjoining property owner when those sidewalks have become a public nuisance or a safety hazard, or any other existing ordinance regarding sidewalk maintenance, repair or construction. It is the sole intent of this policy statement to identify the Council's intention to implement a program to construct, maintain and reconstruct sidewalks within the budgetary limitations established by the City Council for this program.

A listing of proposed new sidewalk construction shall be prepared on an annual basis and a listing of existing sidewalks proposed for reconstruction shall be prepared twice each fiscal year by the Mayor and recommended to the City Council. The sidewalks proposed for reconstruction shall be selected based on the criteria of overall condition of the sidewalks, safety considerations, level of use, and the extent to which the sidewalk enhances pedestrian traffic between heavily utilized areas or facilities. The program of construction of new sidewalks shall be in accordance with the Master Plan accompanying this policy statement.

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