

ORDINANCE NO. 698

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LENGTH, WIDTH AND DEPTH SIDEWALK STANDARDS IN TITLE, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," CHAPTER 136 "SIDEWALK REGULATIONS."

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council would like to update length, width and depth sidewalk standards in the Sidewalk Regulations Chapter of the West Branch Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council has constructed all recent sidewalk projects in conformance with these new guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council would like to provide developers and homebuilders with clear expectations of sidewalk requirements for new residential development in the City of West Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Cedar County, Iowa:

Section 1. Amendment. The Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting Section 136.07.5.A in its entirety and replaced with the following:

136.07.5.A. Newly constructed residential sidewalks shall be at least five (5) feet wide and four (4) inches thick, and each section shall be no more than four (4) feet in length. Repair and replacement of sidewalks will follow the standards herein, except for width requirements specified in the City of West Branch, Iowa Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Policy.

Section 2. Amendment. The Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by deleting Section 136.07.5.C in its entirety and replaced with the following:

136.07.5.C. Driveway areas in residential zoning districts shall not be less than six (6) inches in thickness, or equivalent strength per SUDAS standards.

Section 3. Amendment. The Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following Section 136.07.5.D:

136.07.5.D. Driveway areas and sidewalks adjacent to driveway areas in non-residential zoning districts shall not be less than eight (8) inches in thickness, or equivalent strength per SUDAS standards.

Section 4. Amendment. The Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following definition to Section 136.02:

“Driveway” means the area between the street and property line.

Section 5. Conflicts. All ordinances or parts of ordinances not specifically provided for and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.


Section 6. Adjudication. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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Passed and approved this 20th day of August, 2012.

First Reading: July 16, 2012
Second Reading: August 6, 2012
Third Reading: August 20, 2012



Don Kessler, Mayor

ATTEST:



Matt Muckler, City Administrator/Clerk