5.04 SIDEWALKS

(A) GENERAL

- (1) All new street sidewalks constructed within the Village of Hilbert will be at a width of 4 1/2 feet. Replacement sidewalks will be rebuilt to the same width as the original.
- (2) All sidewalks that meet the street shall have handicap accessible ramps constructed to meet the requirements of the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, dated July 26,1990. (Reference state statue chapter 66.0909)
 - (3) All sidewalks shall be constructed on a four to six inch base of compacted gravel.
- (4) Street sidewalks in residential areas shall be normally constructed one (1) foot outside of the property line.
- (5) Existing sidewalks within the Village will be inspected by the Public Works Director to determine where repairs are necessary. These repairs will be done by the Village employees, or a contractor designated by the Village, at no cost to the adjacent property owner. (Any damage that is done to a sidewalk due to negligence of the property owner shall be replaced at the property owner's expense.)
- (6) A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS.

(B) TRANSVERSE GRADE

Sidewalks shall slope toward the street at a rate of 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch per foot. The property side of the sidewalk shall be 4 to 6 inches higher than the curb height. No variations shall be allowed unless approved by the Building Inspector, with large deviations being approved by the Street Committee. Any approved variations shall be recorded in the Village Clerks Office.

(C) CONSTRUCTION

- (1) Concrete shall be ready mixed at 5 1/2 bag mix or greater. After concrete has been poured, it shall be struck off with a wood or magnesium float. The sidewalk shall be edged with a round edger. After the final troweling, the surface shall have a broom finish.
- (2) All sidewalks shall be constructed with saw cuts or grooves, not less than 3/4 inches nor more than 1 inch in depth. These saw cuts shall be uniformly spaced at not less than 4 feet nor more than 5 feet intervals. Saw cuts shall be done within 24 hours after the pour. A vertical 4" saw cut shall be made, prior to pouring, where the sidewalk and curb meet.
- (3) Asphalt or rubber expansion joints shall be placed at 45 to 60 foot intervals. Expansion joints shall be the full thickness of the concrete slab, and be 1/2 inch thick. At least two 1/2 inch by 18 inch steel dowel pins shall be placed at each expansion joint.

- (4) A clear or white pigmented sealer shall be used. If the temperature is below 45 degrees Fahrenheit, calcium chloride shall be added to the mix.
- (5) All sidewalks shall be 4 inches thick concrete, except for areas which cross driveways, these areas shall be 6 inches thick.
- (6) All sidewalks shall be reinforced with wire mesh, 1/2 inch reinforcing rods, or fiber mesh. If 1/2 inch rods are used, the minimum is two rows with crosspieces at 4 foot intervals.
- (7) Any concrete poured against existing concrete shall have a 1/2 inch asphalt or rubber expansion joint, the full thickness of the slab, placed between the new and old concrete. At least two 1/2 inch by 18 inch steel dowel pins shall be placed at this joint.
- (8) No sidewalks shall be poured after October 15th in any year. Any concrete poured after that date shall be the owner's responsibility to replace if needed.
- (9) If there is an existing tree that obstructs where the sidewalk is to be located, the sidewalk shall be constructed around the tree. If the tree is removed at a later date, the property owner shall be responsible for replacement of the affected sidewalk.

(D) DRIVEWAYS

- (1) Driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications prescribed by the Building Inspector. (See attached drawing)
- (2) Driveway width in residential areas shall be a maximum of 33 feet wide at the property line. A maximum 35 foot curb cut shall be allowed with a 12 inch to 18 inch flare on each side. A minimum 4 inch vertical saw cut shall be made in the curb, prior to pouring, wherever driveways meet the curb. The driveway apron shall have a minimum of 1 saw cut, 1 inch deep, vertical to the street (See attached sketch).
- (3) There shall be a limit of two (2) driveway entrances per lot in residential areas. There shall be at least twenty (20) feett distance between each driveway entrance. There shall also be a full curb between each driveway entrance. No driveway entrance shall be located within twenty (20) feet of any intersection radius.
 - (4) A driveway permit will be required for any new or replacement driveway.
- (5) Sidewalks in driveway areas shall be 6 inches thick. A 6 inch by 1/2 inch asphalt or rubber expansion joint will be placed between the sidewalk and apron area with 1/2 inch by 18 inch steel dowel pins, placed every 2 feet along this joint.
- (6) Curbing repair needed by incorrect location of driveway curb cuts shall be noted on the building permit. Contractors and permit holders shall be held liable for failure of the repair under normal conditions for 10 years.
 - (7) Any variances from this ordinance shall be approved by the Street committee.

(E) SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

It shall be the responsibility of every property owner or occupant within the village who have sidewalks abutting their property, to remove or cause to be removed accumulated snow or ice within 24 hours after it ceases to fall or succession of drifting to prevent a safety hazard condition from being created. The sidewalks should be kept clean for to at least 4' in width at all times. This also includes handicap ramps and sidewalk approaches to the street, if they are in front of or off the corner of the property. If the ice cannot be removed, it shall be at least sprinkled with a non slip material such as salt, sand, kitty litter and oil dry to help prevent slipping, until it is removed so that such sidewalk will not be slippery or dangerous to pedestrians. If the property owner or occupant does not take action to clear the sidewalks within 24 hours, a representative from the Street Committee or the Director of Public Works shall provide a written notice to the property owner or occupant of the village's intention to clear the same no less than 24 hours prior to the village's clearing said sidewalk and provide the clerk's office with a listing of notices given on the same day that the notices are given. The clerk's office shall provide a copy of the listing to the Director of Public Works. If the violation still exists 24 hours after said notice, then the Director of Public Works shall clear said sidewalk. The written notice to the property owner or occupant is only required once per snow season. If future violations occur after the first written notice is provided, the village may correct said violations without further written notice. Village of Hilbert shall not be liable for any lawn damage done due to having to clear the sidewalks under this ordinance. The Director of Public Works shall provide the clerk's office with a listing of all sidewalks cleared for billing purposes each month.

The cost of clearing the affected area shall be at per lineal foot rate as set by the Village.

(F) SNOW ON STREETS.

No person in clearing snow from their lots, sidewalks, driveways, filling stations, garages or other areas shall pile or distribute snow in the street alleyway or any portion of the street right of way, within the Village which in any way tends to narrow the traveled portion of the street, block the vision of motorists at intersections, prevent parking at the curb, or in any other way impede snow removal or create a traffic hazard. Persons having such an accumulation of snow shall remove the same at their own expense without depositing the same in the public streets or public right of way.

Any person violating Section 5.04(F) shall be required to forfeit \$15.00 plus the cost of removal.

(G) PENALTY.

Penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be governed by Ordinance 15.01 Penalty Provisions.

