

## Debbie Galeazzi

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Comments: Re: Ordinance requiring paving of driveways.

1. There is no public health or safety reason for requiring existing homes to pave the driveway at time of sale. Such requirements are based solely on aesthetics.
2. Most of the existing properties that would be impacted are the older affordable housing stock. These homes are often in need of more important repairs such as upgrades to electric, heating, roofs, siding and foundations. This ordinance would force the homeowners to invest as much as \$5,000 to pave a driveway rather than addressing more necessary repairs.
3. The financial implications of paving a driveway are not less for individuals trying to buy or sell a home. It is a common misconception that the costs of housing repairs or upgrades are more easily funded through the home financing process. In the current real estate market, this is often the worst time to incur such costs. In addition to closing costs and moving costs, many sellers have seen depreciation in their home value and do not have extra funds available. Buyers are typically required to have a much higher down payment than in the past and they, too, are unlikely to have additional available funds.

For these points please vote no to this ordinance.

Thank you,  
Richard DeKleyn