

At the last council (June 4, 2007) meeting the sidewalk policy was changed – what does it mean to me if I live on Willow Lane? (Posted June 11, 2007)

If you strictly interpret the old code, the people who live on Willow Lane would be required to have sidewalks installed on both sides of Willow Lane. This also includes those people who live on Keyes Street. Both Willow Lane and Keyes meet the old criteria of collector, density and traffic volume to require sidewalks. Many other areas of the city also meet the criteria of the old code – a partial list is attached.

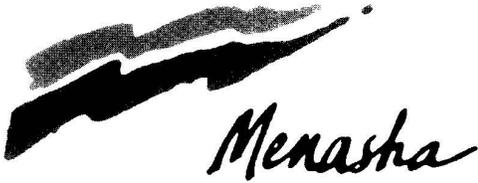
Even though the administration was aware of this requirement we never pressed the issue – many of these areas have been this way for 30 years or more. However, several council members recently began pressing the issue and insisting that we pursue the installation of sidewalks in many areas of the City of Menasha.

Alderman Steve Pack introduced an ordinance change (0-11-07) that grandfathers all areas that currently do not have sidewalks from this requirement. Also, the ordinance clarifies the sidewalk ordinance language to ensure that areas East of Oneida do not need to have sidewalks except in vary narrow circumstances.

Basically, the ordinance reinforces the status quo for sidewalk installation. This ordinance was approved with Alderman Pack, Eckstein, Wisneski, Michalkiewicz and Chase – they voted to support the grandfathering clause and language clarification. Voting against this ordinance was Alderman Merkes, Hendricks and Taylor.

Alderman Merkes, Hendricks and Taylor have indicated that the sidewalk ordinance needs more review. Alderman Merkes desires to be chairman of an ad hoc committee to review the sidewalk ordinance further. He is looking for volunteers who would like to serve on an ad hoc sidewalk review committee. If you are interested in serving on such a committee please contact him directly (attached is my letter to him).

Letter to Alderman Merkes regarding Sidewalk Policy:



City of Menasha • Office of the Mayor
Joseph F. Laux, Mayor

May 16, 2007

Alderman Don Merkes
377 Nassau St.
Menasha, WI 54952

Dear Alderman Merkes:

At the last Common Council meeting you indicated a strong desire to spend money on sidewalks and pedestrian walkways. Some of your comments implied that the City of Menasha may not have a pedestrian plan.

The City of Menasha adopted a bike plan in 2001 and it is being revised.

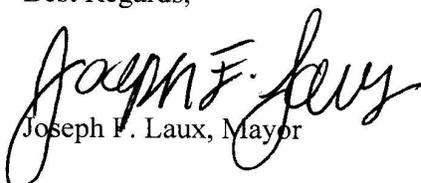
During the discussion you indicated that more study was needed regarding the sidewalk policy for Menasha. You further indicated that if the council adopted the changes as proposed in O-8-07 that needed discourse would "vanish" from the council.

Based on your comments from the council meeting regarding sidewalks, I am asking that you chair an ad hoc committee for a more comprehensive sidewalk policy for Menasha. This will ensure that this topic will not vanish from public discourse.

Please provide me with a list of names and resumes for people who would be willing to serve on such a committee. When you have provided me this list, I will recommend the committee for approval by the Common Council.

Again, I am urging that the Common Council adopt the language changes to the sidewalk policy as I have proposed in O-8-07. These changes will reflect how we have interpreted the sidewalk policy since 1989.

Best Regards,



Joseph F. Laux, Mayor

Cc: Common Council

Partial List of Sidewalks to be Installed City Wide:

CITY OF MENASHA
Sidewalk Gaps by Aldermanic District

District 1

Willow Lane, west side – 1,132 feet	\$22,075
Riverway, south side – 990 feet	\$19,305
Garfield Avenue, near sewerage plant – 730 feet	\$14,235
Water Street, west of Lush Street – 890 feet	<u>\$17,355</u>
	\$72,970

District 2

Kaukauna Street, north side, west of Lush Street – 472 feet	\$ 9,205
Lock Street – 508 feet	\$ 9,905
Lush Street, east side, Chute to First – 525 feet	\$10,240
Sixth Street, south side, Racine to Milwaukee – 728 feet	\$14,200
Sixth Street, north side, Milwaukee to Walbrun – 395 feet	<u>\$ 7,700</u>
	\$51,250

District 3

Wittmann Park Lane – 1,876 feet	\$36,580
835 DePere Street – 121 feet	\$ 2,360
Eleventh Street, north side, Calder to Appleton Street – 450 feet	\$ 8,775
Calder Street, west side – 540 feet	\$10,530
Seventh Street, south side, Appleton Rd. to DePere – 470 feet	\$ 9,165
Harding Street, south side by Hart Park – 385 feet	<u>\$ 7,510</u>
	\$74,920

District 4

Lakecrest Drive, south of Sunset – 236 feet	\$ 4,600
Lakecrest Drive, north of Seventh – 1,317 feet	\$25,680
Butte des Morts Drive – 800 feet	\$15,600
Emily Street, west side, north of Bullard – 324 feet	\$ 6,320
Pacific Street, west side, Grandview to Ninth – 269 feet	<u>\$ 5,250</u>
	\$57,450

District 5

Elizabeth Street, east side – 1548 feet	\$30,185
Elizabeth Court – 560 feet	\$10,920
Marquette Street, east end – 1,309 feet	\$25,525
Ida Street, south end – 666 feet	\$12,990
Melissa Street, east side, north of Seventh – 659 feet	\$12,850
Elizabeth Street, Harding to Eighth – 670 feet	<u>\$13,065</u>
	\$105,535

CITY OF MENASHA
Sidewalk Gaps by Aldermanic District

District 6

Broad Street, east end, Green Bay to Ice – 383 feet	\$ 7,470
Green Bay Street, east side, Broad to First – 253 feet	\$ 4,930
Sheboygan Street – 728 feet	\$14,195
Ice Street, west side – 446 feet	<u>\$ 8,700</u>
	\$35,295

District 7

Airport Road, north side, London to Appleton Rd. – 168 feet	\$ 3,275
Lucerne Drive, north side, east end – 408 feet	\$ 7,955
Lucerne Court – 228 feet	<u>\$ 4,445</u>
	\$15,675

District 8

Ninth Street, north side, Maria to Meadowview – 245 feet	\$ 4,780
Meadowview Drive, west side, south of Greendale – 286 feet	\$ 5,580
Greendale Street, south side, Meadowview to Deerfield Ct. – 265 feet	<u>\$ 5,170</u>
	\$15,530

Total cost City wide = \$428,625