

Ord 1949-02

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH OF HOP BOTTOM, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND IT IS HEREBY SO ORDAINED BY THE SAID BOROUGH OF HOP BOTTOM:

SECTION I.

That sidewalks for the use of pedestrians shall be built and maintained in front of all lots abutting on all highways regularly used by pedestrians within the Borough, in accordance with the width, lines, grades, slopes and specifications furnished by or through the Borough Secretary, provided however where walks have been maintained prior hereto at a fixed width that such width shall be maintained unless the owner of the said lot or premises desires to construct a different walk or at a different width whereupon application shall be made by the said owner to the Secretary of the said Borough council who shall refer the same to the Street Committee of the said Borough Council for approval and when so approved by the said Street Committee the owner shall be authorized and empowered to proceed with the said request so made and approved. All data necessary to construct or repair as aforesaid may be obtained without charge at the office of the said Borough Secretary.

Sidewalks shall always be maintained in a safe condition and shall include all the space between the property line and the vehicular driveway, even though the entire space be not paved as a walk-way for pedestrians. This safety requirement shall apply to all structures and materials placed or permitted to exist under, or over the space between the property line and the vehicular driveway, including therein the adequate safeguarding of any work done within the said space.

Sidewalks shall be kept clear and free of snow, ice, leaves and any other structures or substances which may cause inconvenience or injury to pedestrians.

SECTION II.

The width of all sidewalks shall be and remain as existing at the time this said Ordinance comes into effect, provided however, when new walk or walks are laid out or laid the owner of the lot or premises shall secure the approval as to width and grade of the said walk or walks from the Street Committee of the said Borough Council.

SECTION III.

The material to be used in building or repairing of any sidewalk or sidewalks already existing at the time this said Ordinance becomes effective may continue to be used provided however if any change is to be made in kind material so used then the owner before building or repairing of any said sidewalk shall secure the approval of the Street Committee of the said Borough Council.

SECTION IV.

Upon application to the Borough Council or the Street Committee thereof, grass plots, trees and shrubbery may be temporarily permitted between property lines and vehicular driveway or street, such permission however, shall not in any way relieve the owner of the premises from liability or damages arising from negligence on the part of such owner or the tenant.

SECTION V.

Notice to lay or repair sidewalk or sidewalks shall be given to the owner, according to legal requirements, by any elected or appointed Councilman, or the Secretary of the said Borough Council. Notice to construct sidewalks shall be twenty days and notice to repair sidewalks shall be ten days, except in case of emergency repairs when it shall be forty-eight hours. If any person shall fail to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, the Borough may cause the work to be done and the costs collected as provided by law; and in addition thereto such failure shall constitute a nuisance and be abatable under the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION VI.

Sidewalks shall always be kept clear of snow and ice, and upon failure so to do within twenty four hours after notice has been served upon the said owner or tenants of the said premises by the said Council, or some official on their behalf, the work may be done by the Borough and the cost thereof collected with penalties and other legal proceedings in the abatement of the said nuisance. It is further provided that if the said owner or tenant refuses after due notice of the said continuing nuisance that thereupon information may be laid against the said owner or tenant as provided by law.

This said ordinance to become effective October 15, 1949, upon the same being advertised as provided by law.

Passed this 7th day of September 1949, at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the said Borough of Hop Bottom.

*John Whipple*  
President of Council.

Attest:

*N G Thomas*  
Secretary.

Approved this 7th day of September 1949.

*B H Kendall*  
Burgess.