

# The Case for Sidewalks

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Benefits of connected walkability



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# Sidewalks

**Why do they matter?**



**SAFETY**

**HEALTH**

**ECONOMICS**

# SAFETY

Sidewalks:

REDUCE  
RISK  
28%

# HEALTH



Residents in areas  
with sidewalks:

65%  
MORE  
LIKELY TO  
WALK

# ECONOMICS



Properties in areas  
with sidewalks:

UP TO  
**5%**  
HIGHER  
HOME  
VALUE

# Changes to Sidewalk Requirements

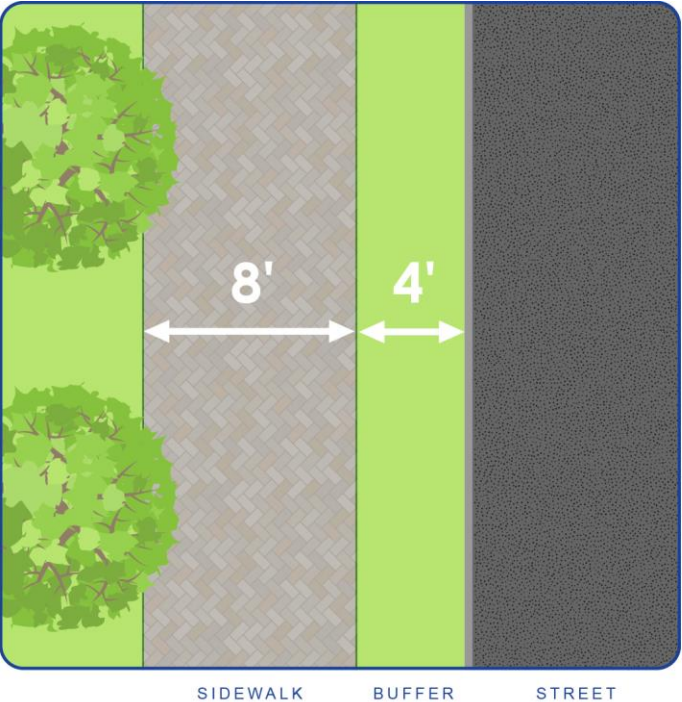
Moved from Public Works to Planning

Established review committee for exemptions

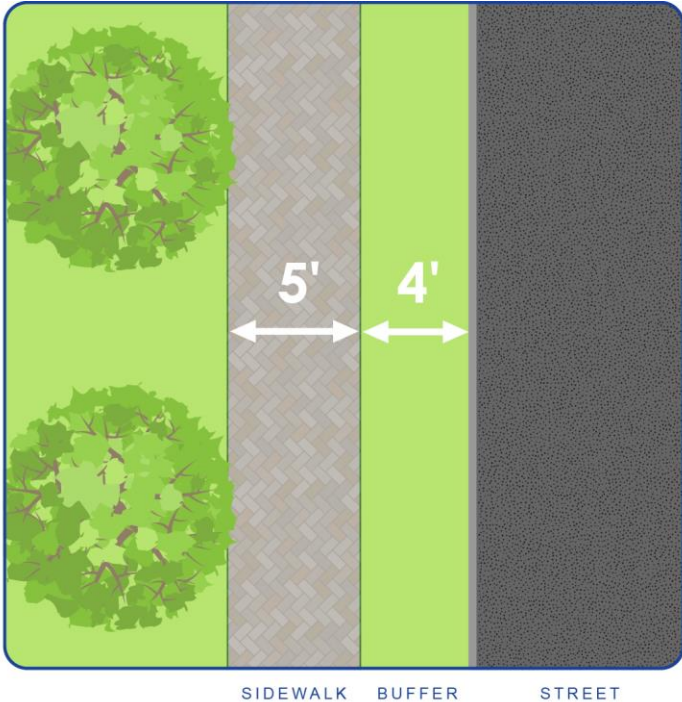
Introduced sidewalk standards and fees

# What the New Standards Look Like

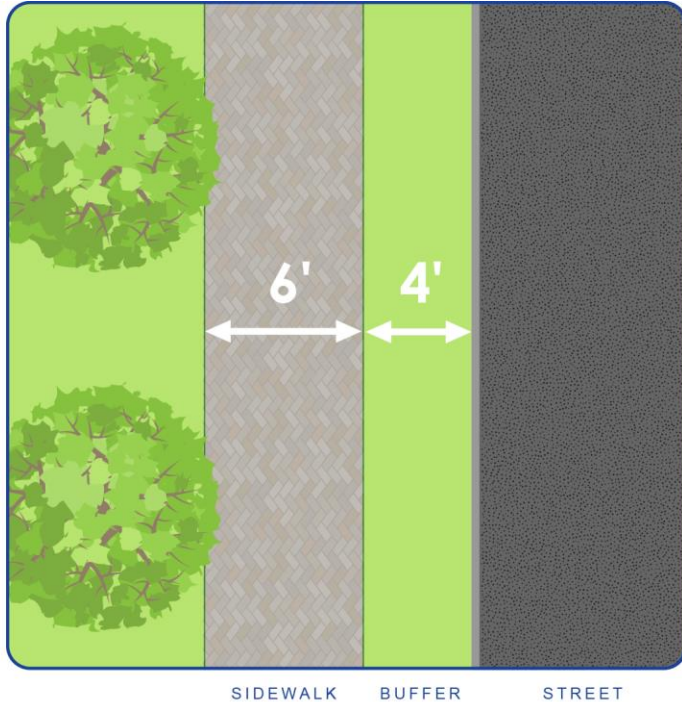
Central Business District



Local Street

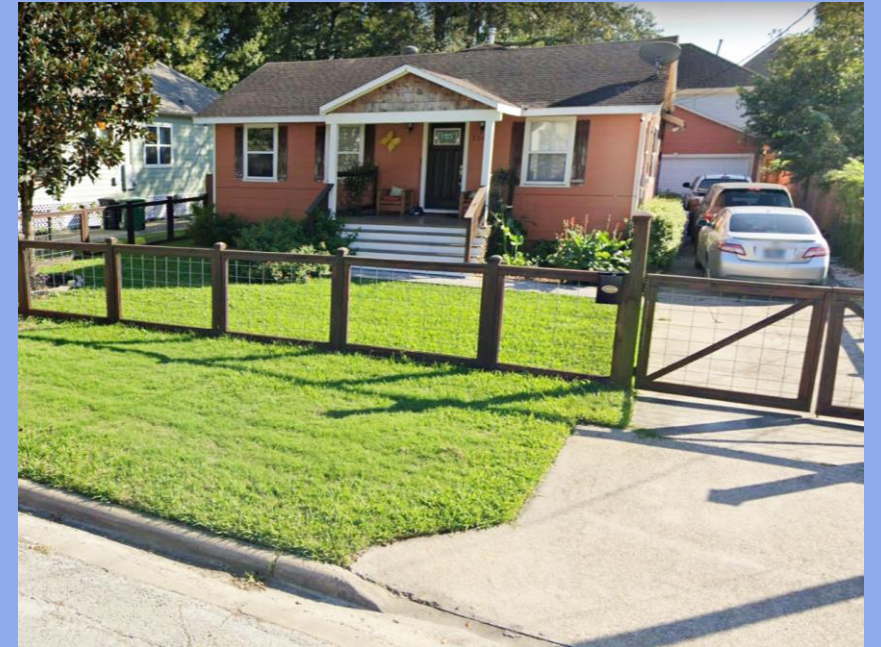


Major Thoroughfare

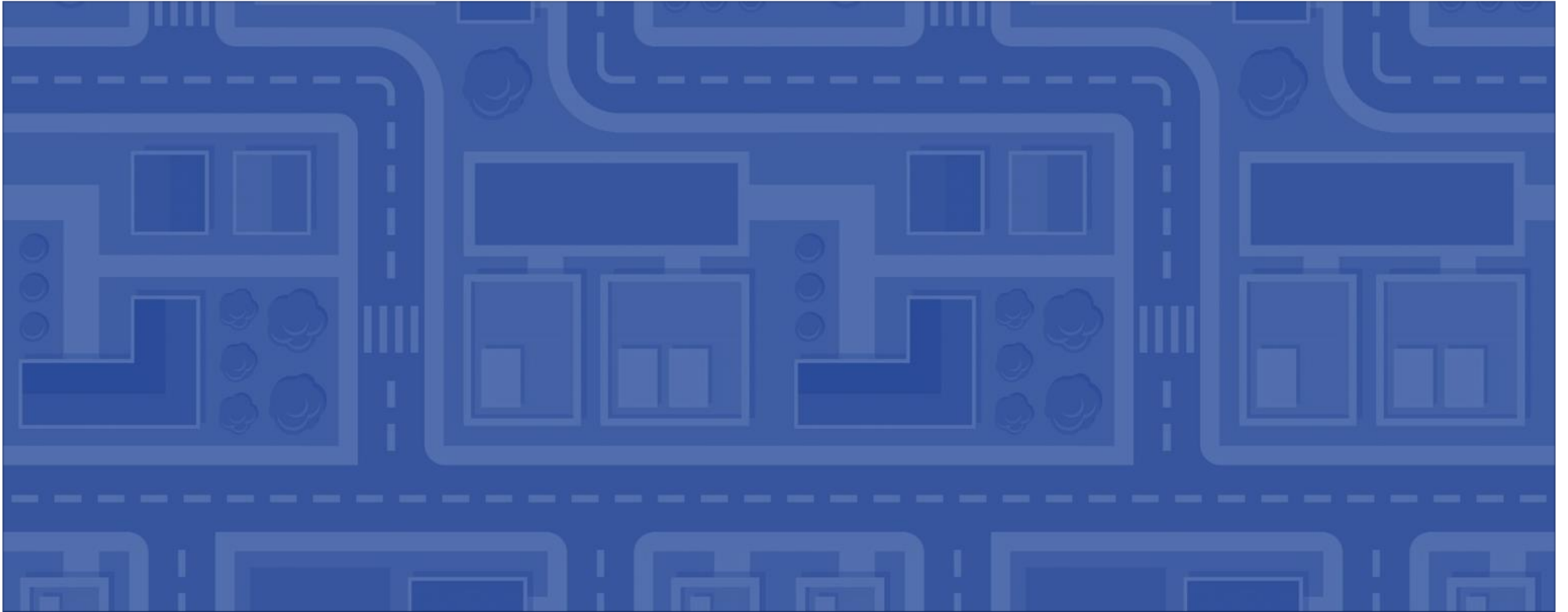




# Implementation Challenges



# Future Changes



# Questions to Consider

What happens when a sidewalk doesn't fit?

What happens in a neighborhood without sidewalks?

Should we allow property owners to pay a fee?

# Thank You



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