



Why Sidewalks Matter

Sidewalks are part of our critical transportation infrastructure providing safe passage for all Houstonians.

Sidewalk rules apply whenever...

- new single-family home (SFH) is constructed
- non-SFH building is constructed or expanded by > 25%
- new parking lot is constructed, or expanded > 25% or by more than 10 parking places
- pedestrian route is established for off-site parking

For more information about the sidewalk rules, visit bit.ly/sidewalk-reg

(or scan code using your mobile phone camera)



FAQ – Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction

What is the Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction?

The Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction is a voluntary option for property owners/ developers to meet the sidewalk construction requirements of the Sidewalk Ordinance (Chapter 40, Article XXII). If a proposed development meets the criteria listed on Section 40- 560(b)(1) or Section 40- 561, the property owner may choose to pay the fee instead of constructing the required sidewalk.

What will the Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction achieve?

This gives applicants another option to comply with the sidewalk requirements, while still advancing the overall goal of the Sidewalk Ordinance to create a safe, comfortable, and accessible sidewalk network within the city.

How much is the Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction?

The proposed Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction is \$12/square foot.

What is the Sidewalk Fund?

The Sidewalk Fund is a special fund established to collect Fees in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction. The fund will be used to construct new sidewalks. It will not be used to maintain or repair existing sidewalks.

For more information on the Fee in Lieu of Construction rules, visit bit.ly/sidewalk-FIL



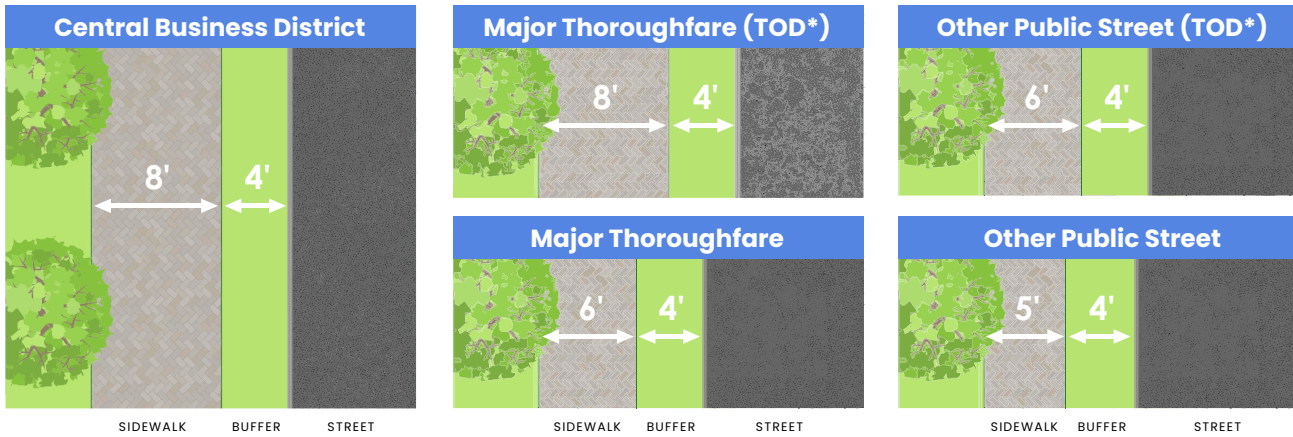
SIDEWALK RULES

Building Requirements and Information



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Minimum Sidewalk Width Standards



* TOD - Transit-Oriented Development Street NOTE - Walkable Places streets can vary depending on the context.

Compliance Options

1. Construct the required sidewalk. (Refer to Sec 40-553 to find out the development activities requiring sidewalk construction)
2. Construct a sidewalk with modified width if the Sidewalk Committee approves the Sidewalk Standard Modification Application.
3. Pay a Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction if meeting the criteria prescribed on Sec 40-560(b)(1) or Sec 40-561(d).

Sidewalk Standards

The Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) Sec 17.06 establishes sidewalk related standards.

1. A minimum 4' wide safety buffer is required along all public streets to create a safe and comfortable distance between pedestrians on the sidewalk and vehicles on the adjacent roadway.
2. The minimum sidewalk width is established based on either the location of the area or the street classification.



Review the Houston Infrastructure Design Manual at bit.ly/H-IDM

Learn More

Visit www.bit.ly/sidewalk-reg, or scan the QR code for more information on:

- Adopted Sidewalk Ordinance
- Sidewalk Ordinance FAQ
- Sidewalk Standard Modification Application Form
- Pedestrian Realm Standard Modification Application Form
- Fee in Lieu of Sidewalk Construction Application Form
- Sidewalk Standard Modification Application Approval List



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