



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

Meeting Date: March 18, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Use of Pavers for sidewalks

Background: The Belle Isle Municipal Code, Section 50-36 states *“All subdivisions shall have four-foot concrete sidewalks on both sides of all streets except streets projected to carry in excess of an ADT equal to 3,500 vehicle per day (vpd) which shall have five-foot concrete sidewalks. All sidewalks shall be located within the street right-of-way. Sidewalks shall be a minimum of four inches in thickness, except at driveways where the required thickness is six inches. Sidewalks shall be designed to include handicapped ramps at all intersections. On a case-by-case basis, upon approval from the city engineer and city manager or the city manager's designee, a developer may make a voluntary contribution to a sidewalk fund to pay for construction of sidewalks in lieu of actual construction of sidewalks. The amount of the contribution shall be on a per foot basis, as may be approved from time to time by the city engineer and the city manager or the city manager's designee.”* No other materials allowed for sidewalks in the code.

At the February 18th meeting, the City Council heard testimony from several residents about the advantages of pavers and requested the Council review the current code provisions and make exceptions to the code to allow pavers to be used for sidewalks, or driveway extensions across sidewalks. The Council directed staff to work on a change that would allow the use of pavers as an acceptable material for sidewalks.

The staff drafted an ordinance for Council review that:

- a. Sets specifications for concrete sidewalks
- b. Allows the use of pavers on a case-by-case basis
- c. Makes property owners who install pavers responsible for maintenance
- d. Sets specifications for pavers and installation of pavers
- e. Grandfathers existing pavers but when replaced or removed, must comply with these code changes.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the changes to the Land Development Code.

Suggested Motion: I move we approve the staff recommendations and read the proposed ordinance for the first time at the April 21, 2020 Council Meeting.

Alternatives: Do not approve the changes and provide further direction to the staff.

Fiscal Impact: TBD

Attachments: Draft Ordinance