



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 12, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Adoption of Ordinance Revision to Sec. 66-108(d)-Walkways.
Background Information:	<p>The City Engineering Department has been committed to a minimum 5-FT sidewalk width for many years. It is the opinion of City staff that a 5-FT minimum width is much more comfortable for sidewalk users. The intent of changing this ordinance is to ensure that our City ordinance agrees with current Engineering Department principles.</p> <p>This ordinance is geared toward new city subdivisions and development. By changing this ordinance, staff will have the authority to require 5-FT sidewalk on all new developments. City staff will not require 5-FT sidewalk if a property owner is replacing 4-FT sidewalk in an existing area with 4-FT sidewalk adjacent.</p> <p>Attached is a red-lined copy of the proposed revisions and a clean copy of the ordinance.</p> <p>The ordinance revision was introduced at the City Council meeting on September 28, 2021.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council adopt Ordinance No. 21-XXX, which amends Sec. 66-108(d) of the Subdivision Ordinance by increasing the minimum sidewalk width from 4 feet to 5 feet.

Chapter 66 – SUBDIVISIONS

ARTICLE III. – DESIGN STANDARDS AND REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 66-108. – Lots and blocks.

- (d) *Walkways.* ~~For new subdivision developments, c~~Concrete pedestrian walks of a minimum width of five ~~four~~-feet shall be required on both sides of all streets to provide circulation or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping centers, bus stops, and other community facilities. ~~Walks of a width of five feet shall be required along all major collector and arterial streets as shown on the major street plan of the city.~~ They may also be required to provide access through greenways and common areas. The walks shall be maintained by the adjacent property owners.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING
MARSHALL CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 66
RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS**

The Common Council of the City of Marshall does ordain as follows:

Section 1: City Code of Ordinances, Sec. 66-108(d) shown below, is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

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Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council this 12th day of October, 2021.

THE COMMON COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Mayor of the City of Marshall, MN

City Clerk

Introduced on: September 28, 2021

Final Passage on: October 12, 2021

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