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VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 09

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 901.13 AND ENACTING SECTION 901.15 OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, OHIO
ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

WHEREAS, sidewalks are a critical component of the Village’s public infrastructure and pedestrian safety network; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 901 of the Codified Ordinances authorizes the Village to construct, repair, and replace sidewalks within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Codified Ordinances currently do not establish uniform construction standards for sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, establishing clear sidewalk construction standards will promote consistency, safety, and durability of pedestrian infrastructure throughout the Village;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Wood County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. Section 901.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of North Baltimore is hereby amended to read as follows:

901.13 Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance

(a) Authority and Oversight. The Village Administrator or their designee shall administer and supervise the construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, and reconstruction of sidewalks within the Village.

(b) Construction Standards. All sidewalk construction, repair, replacement, or reconstruction performed within the Village shall comply with the standards established in Section 901.15 and any additional engineering specifications approved by the Village Administrator or their designee.

(c) Sidewalks Outside the Right-of-Way. The Village may construct, maintain, repair, replace, or reconstruct sidewalks located outside the public right-of-way when such work is necessary for pedestrian safety, accessibility, or to connect existing pedestrian infrastructure.

(d) Property Owner Notification. When the Village performs sidewalk work outside the public right-of-way, the Village Administrator or their designee shall notify abutting property owners at least thirty days prior to commencement of the work. The notice shall include a description of the work to be performed and an explanation of the Village’s authority to perform the work.

(e) Cost Assessment. The Village may assess the costs of sidewalk construction, repair, or replacement against abutting property owners as permitted by ORC and other applicable law.

(f) Funding. Costs associated with sidewalk construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, or reconstruction may be paid from the Village general fund, grant funding, special assessments, or other funds authorized by Council.

(g) Easements for Sidewalk Construction. When sidewalks are constructed on private property outside the public right-of-way, the Village shall obtain an easement, agreement, or other legal authorization from the property owner as required by law.

SECTION 2. Chapter 901 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of North Baltimore is hereby amended by creating new Section 901.15 which shall read as follows:

901.15 Sidewalk Construction Standards

(a) Minimum Width. Sidewalks constructed, reconstructed, or replaced within the Village shall have a minimum clear width of five feet unless otherwise required by the subdivision regulations of the Village.

(b) Reduced Width Approval. A sidewalk width of four feet may be permitted where necessary to connect to an existing four-foot sidewalk or where site conditions make a five-foot sidewalk impractical, provided the Village Administrator or their designee determines that the reduced width is appropriate.

(c) Clear Pedestrian Path. The required sidewalk width shall remain unobstructed. Utility poles, fire hydrants, signs, or other structures shall not be placed within the required clear pedestrian path unless no reasonable alternative exists and the Village Administrator or their designee determines the placement is acceptable.

(d) Concrete Thickness.

(1) Standard sidewalks shall have a minimum concrete thickness of four inches.

(2) Sidewalks at driveway approaches shall have a minimum concrete thickness of six inches.

(3) Sidewalks crossing alleys or other areas subject to regular vehicular traffic shall have a minimum concrete thickness of six inches.

(e) Base. All sidewalks shall be constructed on a minimum four-inch compacted aggregate base or other base material approved by the Village Administrator or their designee.

(f) Slope and Accessibility. Sidewalks shall be constructed to maintain proper drainage and accessibility. Cross slope shall not exceed two percent unless otherwise approved by the Village Administrator or their designee due to site conditions.

(g) Additional Specifications. The Village Administrator or their designee may establish or approve additional engineering specifications relating to materials, installation methods, drainage, or other construction requirements when necessary to ensure durability, safety, and compliance with applicable accessibility standards.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Chapter 901 not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with ORC 121.22.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

The motion to adopt the foregoing ordinance was moved by Member _____ and seconded by Member _____.

PASSED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

Attest:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council