

# City of Belton Sidewalk Standards and Policy

## Proposed Revisions

### Section 503: Sidewalk Standards and Policy

(Proposed wording to replace Section 503.01, 503.02, 503.03 and 503.05)

503.01 Sidewalks shall be required on both sides of arterial and collector streets.

503.02 Subdivision Requirement

- a. Sidewalks shall be required on both sides of internal arterial and collector streets and the subdivision side of perimeter streets.
- b. Sidewalks on streets without driveway access shall be installed by the subdivision developer, prior to acceptance of the subdivision
- c. Sidewalks on streets with driveway access shall be installed by the builder/property owner, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- d. Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed by the subdivision developer on streets adjacent to all school property in conjunction with school construction.
- e. Sidewalks may also be required to be installed by the subdivision developer when the City determines that in the interest of connectivity, accessibility, and/or public safety sidewalks are necessary to connect the subdivision, or an area of the subdivision, to certain public or private facilities, including but not limited to education facilities, medical facilities, walking or biking trails, transit stops, retail centers, employment centers, and/or thoroughfares.

~~503.01 Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed by the subdivision developer on streets adjacent to all schools.~~

~~503.02 Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed by the subdivision developer as follows:~~

- ~~a) On both sides of all internal arterial and collector streets, without driveway access, prior to acceptance of the subdivision.~~
- ~~b) On the subdivision side of all collector and arterial streets, without driveway access, prior to acceptance of the subdivision.~~

~~503.03 Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed by the builder/property owner on both sides of all collector streets with driveway access. Sidewalks shall be constructed, inspected, and accepted by the City prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.~~

~~503.05 Sidewalks may also be required to be installed by the subdivision developer when the City determines that in the interest of connectivity, accessibility, and/or public safety sidewalks are necessary to connect the subdivision, or an area of the subdivision, to certain public or private facilities, including but not limited to education facilities, medical facilities, walking or biking trails, transit stops, retail centers, employment centers, and/or thoroughfares.~~

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(Proposed wording to replace 503.04)

503.03 Building Permit Requirement

Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed in conjunction with a building permit for all new buildings (residential and commercial) along arterial and collector streets. Sidewalks shall also be required for multiple family, office, retail, commercial, and industrial buildings whenever any permit is required for construction, addition or exterior structural alteration on any building or other structure, for the property's frontage length along arterial and collector streets. ~~a public street(s).~~

~~503.04 Sidewalks shall be required and shall be installed in conjunction with a building permit for all new multiple family, office, retail, commercial, and industrial buildings, and whenever any permit is required for construction, addition or exterior structural alteration on any building or other structure, for the property's frontage length along a public street(s). This provision does not apply to collector and arterial streets with residential frontage.~~

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(No change to existing text, just renumbering)

503.04 ~~503.06~~ Sidewalks required along collector streets shall be a minimum of four (4) feet wide except sidewalks constructed directly behind the curb shall be a minimum of five (5) feet wide. Sidewalks required along arterial streets shall be a minimum of six (6) feet wide.

503.05 ~~503.07~~ Sidewalks are not required along existing or new local/~~residential~~ streets. If provided, sidewalks shall be a minimum of four (4) feet wide.

503.06 ~~503.08~~ Sidewalks shall be constructed in accordance with the Design Manual and Belton Thoroughfare Plan. The City must approve all sidewalk construction plans prior to construction. All sidewalks shall be inspected and accepted by the City.

503.07 ~~503.09~~ If the City determines required sidewalks should not be constructed until a later date, the funds estimated by the City for the construction of said sidewalks shall be placed in a sidewalk escrow account approved by the City. If the funds for sidewalk construction are not expended by the City within 9 years of the date received, the funds and interest will be returned.

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(Proposed additional section)

503.08 City Staff will evaluate sidewalk needs and may waive sidewalk requirements for the following conditions:

- a. Subdivision plats in the ETJ when there is no public entity (TxDOT or Bell County) to maintain the sidewalk along the subdivision side of perimeter streets;
- b. Plats that qualify for administrative approval per Section 304.

Decisions made by city staff may be appealed to the Planning Commission and City Council.