

POLICY STATEMENT
BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG
(Approved by Town Council at the 12/9/19 Special Public Council Meeting)

CURB AND SIDEWALK INSTALLATION

The following is a policy statement effective December 9, 2019 regarding curbs and sidewalks in the Borough of Chambersburg which takes into account pedestrian safety.

1. The standards for curbs and sidewalks are set forth in Borough Ordinance 2001-11 and the specifications of the Borough of Chambersburg Engineering Department.
2. These standards are enforced on a complaint (and limited observation) basis.
3. Town Council is requesting that property owners bring their curbs and sidewalks to the standards set forth in the above regulations.
4. Property owners will be notified of the curb and sidewalk standards so that they can bring their curbs and sidewalks into compliance with the above regulations.
5. A Committee has been established by Town Council to monitor the compliance of property owners with the curb and sidewalk standards as well as recommend to Town Council policies and procedures regarding curbs and sidewalks.
6. When a street is reconstructed and there are no curbs, property owners will be required to install curbs before street reconstruction and property owners will have two (2) years to install sidewalks after curbs are completed. Also, when a street is reconstructed and curb is present but no sidewalk, the property owner will have two (2) years to install sidewalks upon completion of street reconstruction. For properties where curb and/or sidewalk has not been constructed within 18 months from the date of the Construction Notice the Engineering Office will issue a second Notice indicating the original deadline for construction and notice that if the work is not completed by the deadline it may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33. Curbs and sidewalks will be required in accordance with the curb and sidewalk maps proposed as part of the Curb and Sidewalk Installation Plan/Map.
8. Sidewalks that are raised by large tree roots, concrete can be replaced with asphalt or brick pavers. When the large tree roots are removed, concrete shall be installed within two (2) years from the date of notice from the Borough.
9. In areas of commercial development where the development has not been completed; on a temporary basis (until construction in the area of commercial development is complete), the developer shall install an asphalt sidewalk to enclose the circuit with existing concrete sidewalks.
10. In areas of commercial development the developer will install at all corners of the development ADA accessible ramps out of concrete. Curbs and sidewalks will be

required in accordance with the curb and sidewalk maps proposed as part of the Curb and Sidewalk Installation Plan/Map.

11. When the Borough receives a complaint or encounters a sidewalk in an unsafe condition that presents a tripping hazard, as determined by the Engineering Office according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-28, a Repair Violation Notice will be issued to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 20 business days of the date of the Notice or the work may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.
12. When the Borough receives a complaint or encounters a curb and/or sidewalk that is considered to be deteriorated, as determined by the Engineering Office according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-28, a Repair Notice will be issued to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice. If the work is not completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice the Engineering Office will issue a Repair Violation Notice to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Repair Violation Notice or the work may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.
13. New curb and/or sidewalk Construction Notice as approved by Town Council. General practice will be for the Curb and Sidewalk Compliance Committee to review/recommend curb and sidewalk notices for areas where curbs and sidewalks do not currently exist however Town Council can authorize notice without Committee recommendation. When approved by Town Council the Engineering Office will issue a Construction Notice to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within two (2) years of the date of the Notice. For properties where curb and/or sidewalk has not been constructed within 18 months from the date of the Construction Notice the Engineering Office will issue a second Notice indicating the original deadline for construction and notice that if the work is not completed by the deadline it may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33. Curbs and sidewalks will be required in accordance with the curb and sidewalk maps proposed as part of the Curb and Sidewalk Installation Plan/Map.
14. When a street is reconstructed or overlaid and curb and sidewalk is present but the curb and/or sidewalk is considered to be deteriorated, as determined by the Engineering Office according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-28, a Repair Notice will be issued to the property owner indicating that the work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice. If the work is not completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice, the Engineering Office will issued a Repair Violation Notice to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Repair Violation Notice or the work may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter

254, Section 254-33. In instances where the Engineering Office determines that a curb is deteriorated to the point where replacement is necessary, new curbing will be required as part of the construction at the property owners expense per foot.

15. Curb installation will be required as part of Land Development Plan approval, to be paid by the developer. Curbs will be required in accordance with the curb and sidewalk maps proposed as part of the Curb and Sidewalk Installation Plan/Map.
16. Sidewalk installation will be required as part of Land Development Plan approval, to be paid by the developer, for any new development where sidewalk connectivity will be made with existing or future planned sidewalk or path network. Sidewalks will be required in accordance with the curb and sidewalk maps proposed as part of the Curb and Sidewalk Installation Plan/Map.
17. The Borough will offer low interest loans to property owners that are required to install curbs and sidewalks, to be repaid through a standard amortization schedule.
18. For properties with frontage entirely improved with asphalt a pedestrian path can be delineated with painted lines but area must be ADA compliant and kept free of snow and ice during winter like a standard concrete sidewalk.