APPENDICES

A. CITY SIDEWALK & DRIVEWAY APRON MATERIALS POLICY

Sidewalk & Driveway Apron Material Policy
Department of Public Works, Portland, ME

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The following policy is intended to be used as a standard for all sidewalk construction in the City of Portland, Maine. This policy will be employed when reviewing development proposals involving public infrastructure within the City of Portland.

**Sidewalk Material**

The Sidewalk Material map identifies three sidewalk materials, brick, concrete, and asphalt, specific to each city street. Within the City’s historic districts, only brick shall be used.

Note that the following exceptions may apply:

- **Exception to brick sidewalks:** On sidewalks, or sections of sidewalks, where the slope exceeds 10% percent, the Department of Public Works may approve the use of alternative material in lieu of brick if such alternative material would provide a more slip resistant surface to improve pedestrian safety. The alternative material includes concrete for sidewalks outside of the designated historic districts, and Pinehall/Pathway Lachance item #193623 Brick Pavers, for sidewalks within all designated historic districts.

- **Partial replacement:** The Department of Public Works may approve a deviation from the sidewalk material policy to match existing sidewalks in cases where:

  1. A substantial portion of sidewalks adjacent to and in the area surround the portion to be constructed or disturbed are of a material other than that designated on the Sidewalk Material map, and:
     a. Existing sidewalks on the affected street frontage, other than those in the area to be disturbed, are in sound conditions, and
     b. Less than 50% of the existing sidewalk on the affected block is to be disturbed; or

  2. Other unusual circumstances exist, subject to the approval of the City Manager.

**Driveway Aprons**

- All driveway aprons shall be constructed of the designated sidewalk material within the pedestrian zone.
- Driveway apron material replacement shall not occur if it can be identified that the homeowner has installed the existing apron at their expense and the driveway is in good condition. Otherwise, driveway replacement shall conform to the accepted policy.
**Curbing**
All curb material shall be granite curb. The recycling of existing curb shall be employed in historic districts as a priority and in other districts where appropriate.

**ADA Handicap Accessible Sidewalk Ramps**
Ramps shall be constructed of the same sidewalk material as designated for that respective street, with the exception of the required detectable surface within the ramp.

**Upgrades**
The Department of Public Works may approve a change in sidewalk or apron material to an alternative, higher grade material, so long as such sidewalks and aprons are built to applicable City standards and adequate protections are made on behalf of the City with respect to the terms of repair and replacement.

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**B. CONSISTENCY WITH RELATED MASTER PLANS**

In accordance with Section 14-526(a) of the City Code, all developments shall be designed so as to be consistent with related City master plans and facilities plans and with off-premises infrastructure existing or proposed, supported or endorsed by the City, including but not limited to the following:

a. [Deering Oaks Master Plan](#), May, 1994
b. [Brighton Avenue Plan](#). December, 1999
c. A New Vision for Bayside: [Book 1](#) and [Book 2](#). April, 2000
d. [The Eastern Waterfront Master Plan](#). December, 2004
e. [Arts District Plan](#). November, 1995
f. [Shoreway Access Plan](#). November, 1987
g. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Abatement Study
h. [Peninsula Transit Plan](#). June, 2009
i. Capisic Brook Stormwater Abatement Plan. September, 1999
k. Saint John and Valley Streets Streetscape Plan. September, 2010

Applicable plans are available through the City of Portland website and/or through the City of Portland Planning Division.