



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Communication from the City Manager and Director of Public Works with a Request for the Following:

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**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. Chapter 1, 2. Chapter 26, 3. ORD 17940, 4. ORD 17939

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
2/8/2022	2	City Council	adopted	Pass
1/25/2022	1	City Council	received and filed	Pass

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

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**BACKGROUND:** Recently staff has experienced concerns with the issuance of permits for development where sidewalks are constructed adjacent to the curb line. The current City Code states that sidewalks shall be a minimum of five feet in width, in all circumstances. However, this does not take into account the concerns of sidewalk that is adjacent to the curb. When the sidewalk is next to the curb, the minimum of five feet does not provide adequate space to allow for a buffer area for snow storage and utilities, nor does it allow a greater separation between vehicles and pedestrians.

After a thorough review of the City of Peoria municipal code, staff recommends adding the requirement for a two-foot-wide buffer area behind the curb line or a widened six-foot-wide sidewalk. This additional space will help provide snow storage space, utility access, as well as give pedestrians additional comfort by giving them a greater separation from moving traffic, which is particularly important in high traffic areas.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The proposed amendments are not anticipated to affect the City budget.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS:** The proposed amendments provide for improved sidewalk access for all users.

**IMPACT IF APPROVED:** These changes will provide greater pedestrian access by providing more sidewalk space, a greater distance between the pedestrian and traffic, allow for snow storage during the winter, while still providing pedestrian space, ensure ADA compliance if future appurtenance, such as garbage cans or bus benches, are added, and will allow better underground utility maintenance access.

**IMPACT IF DENIED:** The sidewalk width will remain a minimum of five feet in all circumstances. Sidewalk could become impassible with snow storage. Utilities may need to move off right-of-way and onto private property. Greater separation between vehicles and pedestrians will not be provided, especially in high traffic or high-speed locations.

**ALTERNATIVES:** None

**EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER:** NA

**WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2017 - 2032 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?**

1. Safe Peoria
2. Beautiful Peoria

**WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?**

1. Invest in our infrastructure and transportation.
2. Support sustainability.
3. Have an efficient government.

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works