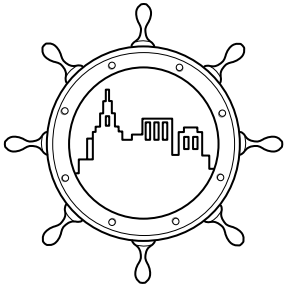


# MEMORANDUM

To: Tallmadge Charter Township Planning Commission  
From: Gregory L. Ransford, MPA  
Date: August 16, 2021  
Re: Draft Sidewalks and Pathways Ordinance



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As you will recall, at your July 28, 2020 meeting, you reviewed a draft Sidewalks and Pathways Ordinance (SPO), which would require the clearing of snow and ice, among other responsibilities of property owners abutting sidewalk or pathway within the Township. As you further know, July of 2020 was at the beginning of the pandemic and you directed us to shelve several text amendment matters, including the proposed SPO, until the demands of your agenda lessened. Given that application items are light, we have brought the draft SPO back to your agenda with revisions, as you previously directed.

As you will recall, you directed us to perform the following revisions to the draft language:

- Add language that requires the abutting property owner to repair the sidewalk or pathway
- Keep the area adjacent to the sidewalk or pathway clear of overgrown grass to the sidewalk edge

We believe the attached revisions achieve your direction. Additions are shown in underlined text and deletions are shown in strikethrough text. While you asked us to seek the language from the City of Grand Rapids regarding repair, those provisions were not clear. As a result, we have included language, in part, from Grand Haven Charter Township to achieve the same. In the instance you desire the language is used from the City of Grand Rapids, we will revise the draft accordingly.

The draft SPO is scheduled for your August 24, 2021 meeting. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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Attachment

cc: Mark Bennett, Supervisor