

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
SIDEWALK AND PATHWAY ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees adopted a new Sidewalk and Pathway Ordinance Number 24-02 during their regular meeting on July 10, 2024.

The first and second readings of the proposed ordinance were held in the Township Hall Board Room during regular Board of Trustees meetings on 6/26/2024 and 7/10/2024. Following the first reading, an ordinance summary and notice of the date, time, and place of the second reading was published in The Morning Sun newspaper and posted at the Township Hall as required by the Charter Township Act, Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended (MCL 42.1 et seq.).

A true copy of the adopted ordinance may be inspected or obtained upon request during business hours at the Charter Township of Union office, 2010 South Lincoln Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, or on the Township's website at <http://www.uniontownshipmi.com/>. The following is an ordinance summary:

Section 1.0 (Title) establishes the title of the ordinance.

Section 2.0 (Purpose and Intent) states the health, safety, and welfare-related purposes of the ordinance.

Section 3.0 (Scope) establishes the scope of the ordinance.

Section 4.0 (Construction-Related Policies, Orders, and Assessments) confirms Board of Trustees' authority to adopt implementation policies, and to order and assess costs for sidewalk or pathway construction, repair, or maintenance.

Section 5.0 (Sidewalk and Pathway Planning) confirms the Planning Commission's authority and responsibility for long-range sidewalk and pathway planning.

Section 6.0 (Sidewalk or Pathway Required) requires that sidewalks or pathways be constructed and maintained within or adjacent to road rights-of-way and also to connect to existing sections of sidewalk or pathway and to connect to buildings and uses of land where present on adjacent land.

Section 7.0 (Use of Sidewalks or Pathways) confirms that sidewalks and pathways are primarily reserved for use by pedestrians while establishing limited allowances for travel by bicycle or micro-mobility device.

Section 8.0 (Construction Standards) sets standards for width, paving, location, grading, drainage, and other construction standards.

Section 9.0 (Repairs to or Replacement of Existing Sidewalks or Pathways) establishes basic repair and replacement standards.

Section 10.0 (Maintenance Standards) establishes basic maintenance responsibilities and standards.

Section 11.0 (Unsafe Condition and Unlawful Damage) states that it shall be unlawful to damage or deface a sidewalk or pathway by any means, or for a sidewalk or pathway to be in an unsafe state of disrepair.

Section 12.0 (Permits and Approvals) confirms applicant responsibility for obtaining all necessary permits or approvals prior to the start of construction.

Section 13.0 (Fees and Escrow Deposits) confirms Board of Trustees' authority to set fee and escrow deposit amounts for sidewalk and pathway-related applications by resolution.

Section 14.0 (Performance Guarantees) sets standards for requiring a performance guarantee to be deposited with the Township to ensure completion of all required improvements.

Section 15.0 (Inspections) provides for inspections of sidewalk and pathway improvements under construction.

Section 16.0 (Violations and Penalties) establishes the penalties for violating this ordinance and lists the legal remedies available to the Township for resolution of violations.

Section 17.0 (Definitions) defines certain terms used in the ordinance.

Section 18.0 (Severability) confirms that all sections, terms, provisions or clauses of this ordinance are severable.

Section 19.0 (Repeal) confirms the repeal of the current Sidewalk and Pathway Ordinance No. 2009-03.

Section 20.0 (Publication) confirms that state law publication requirements will be met.

Section 21.0 (Effective Date) establishes the ordinance effective date based on adoption and publication requirements.

Publication was made by this notice and posting of a true copy of the adopted ordinance at the Charter Township of Union office and on the Township's website pursuant to Charter Township Act requirements. The ordinance is effective immediately upon publication of this notice.