

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-54

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING WIDTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALKS ALONG MINOR COLLECTOR ROADS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DIVISION A: GENERAL STANDARDS

§ 21.301.04 SIDEWALKS.

(d) *Design standards.* Except for private sidewalks on single- and two-family residential sites, sidewalks must conform to the following design standards.

(1) *Width.*

(A) *Public sidewalks.* Public sidewalks must have an unobstructed, walkable width (see Figure 21.301.04(f) below) equal to or greater than the following standards. Additional width is encouraged in appropriate areas to accommodate outdoor seating, benches, landscaping, light posts, trash receptacles, bicycle parking and similar pedestrian oriented infrastructure. The City Council may require greater sidewalk width through condition of approval when greater width is deemed necessary to meet anticipated pedestrian needs or federal or state standards:

- (i) Adjacent to local street: six feet;
- (ii) Adjacent to minor collector street: eight feet, may be reduced to six feet at the discretion of the City Engineer. Increased width must be provided for sidewalks abutting the curb;
- (ii) Adjacent to major collector or arterial street: eight feet; and
- (iii) Not adjacent to street: determined case by case.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Victor Rivas
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Priyanka Rai
Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied
City Attorney