



District Heights, MD



Public Ways and Sidewalks

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Section 801. Definition of Public Ways

The term "public ways" as used in this Charter shall include all streets, avenues, roads, highways, public thoroughfares, lanes, and alleys.

Section 802. Control of Public Ways

The City shall have control of all public ways in the City except such as may be under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Highway Administration or Prince George's County.

Subject to the laws of the State of Maryland and this Charter, the City may do whatever it deems necessary to establish, operate, and maintain in good condition the public ways of the City.

Section 803. Public Ways: Powers

The City shall have the power:

(a) To establish, regulate, and change from time to time the grade lines, width, and construction materials of any City public ways or part thereof, bridges, curbs, and gutters.

(b) To grade, lay out, construct, open, extend, and make new City public ways.

(c) To grade, straighten, widen, alter, improve, or close up any existing City public way or part thereof.

(d) To install, construct, reconstruct, repair, and maintain curbs and/or gutters along any City public way or part thereof.

(e) To construct, reconstruct, maintain, and repair bridges.

(f) To name City public ways.

(g) To construct, operate, and maintain a storm water drainage system and storm water sewers.

(h) To have surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates made for any of the above activities or projects or parts thereof.

Section 804. Sidewalks: Powers

The City shall have the power:

(a) To establish, regulate, and change from time to time the grade lines, width, and construction materials of any sidewalk or part thereof on City property along any public way or part thereof.

(b) To grade, lay out, construct, reconstruct, pave, repave, repair, extend, or otherwise alter a sidewalk on City property along any public way or part thereof.

(c) To require that the owners of any property abutting on a sidewalk keep the sidewalk clear of all ice, snow, and other obstruction.

(d) To require and order the owner of any property abutting on any public way in the City to perform any project authorized by this section at the owner's expense according to reasonable plans and specifications. If such an order is issued and, after due notice, the owner fails to comply with the order within a reasonable time, the City may do the work, and the expense shall be a lien on the property and shall be collectible in the same manner as are City taxes or by suit at law.