

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WIDTH AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON, REGULATING THE MANNER OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE COSTS OF THE SAME IF THE OWNERS OF ABUTTING PROPERTY SHALL FAIL TO CONSTRUCT OR REPAIR THE SAME ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington.

Section 1: That all sidewalks on Granite avenue from the south side of the railway right of way to the north side of Pioneer street and all sidewalks on Stanley street from the west side of Wabash avenue to the east side of Anderson avenue shall be a uniform width of six (6) feet and that the sidewalks on all other streets shall be of a uniform width of four (4) feet.

Section 2: That all sidewalks hereafter constructed within the corporate limits of the town of Granite Falls shall be made of sound sawed merchantable fir plank not less than eight (8) nor more than twelve (12) inches wide and at least two inches thick, laid at right angles to and firmly spiked to the stringers of which for all walks there shall be at least three stringers, two (2) by six (6) inches laid edgewise upon solid foundation. All planks in walks shall be laid with an open crack between them of from one-half (1/2) to three-fourths (3/4) inch and shall not project more than three (3) inches over the outside stringers.

Section 3: That all bents for the support of sidewalks shall be built of strong timber of such size as the street Commissioner or town marshal under the direction of the committee of the council on streets shall direct, shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner and not more than eight (8) feet apart.

Section 4: All plank sidewalks shall be securely nailed to the stringer with twenty (20) penny wire nails.

Section 5: All sidewalks hereafter constructed or repaired shall be laid in accordance with the established grade of the street and no sidewalk shall hereafter be raised or lowered except by direction of the town council.

Section 6: All sidewalks which are or may be built shall be protected by hand railing, when so ordered by the council, said railings shall be built of two (2) by four (4) inch dressed fir set upon four (4) by four (4) inch posts securely spiked together and to the sidewalk, said posts to be thirty (30) inches high set at intervals of eight feet upon planks which extend eighteen inches outside the side line of the sidewalk with angle braces, from said projecting plank to the outside of said posts, two (2) feet long. There shall also be a one (1) by six (6) inch dressed board nailed to said posts midway between the hand-rail and the sidewalk.

Section 7: Before any sidewalk constructed under the provisions of this ordinance shall be thrown open for travel it shall be inspected and accepted by the committee of the council having charge of the streets of the town.

Section 8: The town council shall have authority to from time to time direct by resolution the construction and repair of sidewalks upon the several streets or parts of streets which in their opinion ought to be provided with sidewalks.

Section 9: Whenever any sidewalk has been ordered constructed or repaired, by the town council, the Town Clerk shall prepare a written notice setting forth the width of the walk to be constructed or repaired together with the manner of such construction as provided for in the ordinance for each owner of abutting property where said sidewalk is to be constructed and repaired and shall deliver the said notice or notices to the town Marshal who shall forthwith serve a copy of said notice upon each resident owner affected by said construction or repair of sidewalk personally and shall mail by registered letter a copy thereof to each non-resident property holder, affected thereby, addressed to their last known Post Office address. Said notice shall also require the owners of abutting property to construct or repair the sidewalk in front of their property within fifteen (15) days from the date of service or mailing of said notice and shall state that upon their failure so to do the said construction or repair will be done by the town council and the cost thereof assessed against the abutting property according to law and the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 10: If any person upon whom notice has been served as provided in section 9 of this ordinance shall

fail to comply with said notice for a period of 15 days from the date of service or mailing then it shall become the duty of the committee of the council having charge of the supervision of the streets of said town to order such sidewalk constructed or repaired, as the case may be, at the expense of the town and the town of Granite Falls shall have a lien upon such abutting property for the costs and expenses of the same, which lien shall be foreclosed by a suit in the superior court of Snohomish County, Washington. Said suit shall be prosecuted in the name of the town of Granite Falls in the same manner as other civil actions are prosecuted in said court.

Section 11: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed by the council in open session the 3rd day of May, A.D. 1904.

B. E. CHAPPELL, Mayor

ATTEST:  
CHAS. T. SMITH,  
Town Clerk