

## CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 622

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AN ORDINANCE relating to Internal Pedestrian Walkways; establishing standards and regulations therefor; and amending the Bellevue City Code.

WHEREAS the Council did on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1964, pass Resolution No. 1026 amending the Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the City, and adopting the Pedestrian Circulation System; now therefore in furtherance thereof,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Bellevue City Code is hereby amended by adding thereto Chapter 10.06 entitled "Internal Pedestrian Walkways, Standards and Regulations, "which shall read as follows:

10.06.010 Purpose. The objective of the provisions of this ordinance is to accomplish in an evolutionary manner the construction of an efficient, connected and safe system of pedestrian circulation, coordinated within and between city blocks - providing defined and generous sidewalks for pedestrian access to and from the individual business houses within the block and extensions to street sidewalks and between-block crosswalks.

10.06.020 Location. Each property in the B-1 Retail Business District and in the R-S and R-3 Districts around the perimeter of the B-1 District, being newly developed or materially remodeled after the effective date of this ordinance, shall provide pedestrian walks of major or minor nature as follows:

1. Each such property shall provide major pedestrian walks, at or around the building, of sufficient extent to provide safe pedestrian passage.
2. Each such property shall provide major pedestrian walks connecting the walks at the building to the street sidewalk. Where no street sidewalk exists the connecting walk shall extend to the street right-of-way line.
3. Each such property shall provide major or minor pedestrian walks connecting to adjoining properties in locations on, or as near as possible to, the desire lines of pedestrian traffic.
4. All such required pedestrian walks shall be located and constructed as an integrated part of the total coordinated pedestrian-circulation system as illustrated on the Comprehensive Pedestrian-Circulation Plan and described in the text of Resolution No. 1026.

10.06.030 Major Walks. Major walks are those which provide for a main pedestrian traffic route through a block or to a high pedestrian traffic-generating use or to between-block crosswalks. Major walks shall be 8' or more in width.

10.06.031 Minor Walks. Minor walks are those which provide an alternate route or a branch connection to a major internal walk or perimeter street sidewalk.

10.06.040 Surface. Such walks shall be paved with hard-surfaced material such as - concrete, stone, brick, tile, etc. The value of color and pattern in the walks should be seriously considered as a means of accomplishing clear definition of the walk - providing a degree of safety for the pedestrian. Only nonskid paving surfaces shall be used in walk construction.

10.06.050 Stairs. Where stairs are employed, the riser to tread proportion shall be designed to normal stair standards or be clearly monumental in proportion. Handrails shall be provided where the number of risers or adjoining grade difference requires the protection afforded by rails. Any flight of stairs within 15' of any other flight of stairs (on a pedestrian route) shall have the same riser and tread dimension.

10.06.060 Lighting. Where stairs, curbs, ramps or abrupt changes in walk direction occur, night lighting shall be provided.

10.06.070 Covering. Where possible and practical, walks should be covered by marquees or other roof structures. Passageways, roofed and walled, between or through buildings shall be ample in width - the width proportioned to the length - and night-lighted.

10.06.080 Curbs. Pedestrian walks adjoining automobile circulation lanes or parking areas shall be raised 6" or curbed to define the pedestrian walk.

10.06.090 Markings. Where pedestrian walks must cross parking areas or automobile-circulation lanes the pedestrian walk shall be defined by use of a contrasting paving - such as white concrete in an asphalt area - or visually obvious paint stripes or other clearly defined pattern.

10.06.100 Permit. Each property being developed or materially remodeled, shall prepare and submit a pedestrian-walkway plan to the City of Bellevue Building Department. Such plan shall show the general layout of walks and the connections to walks on adjoining properties and street sidewalks. Sufficient details shall be shown to clearly define the construction, materials, dimensions, color, pattern, etc. A building permit shall be required for the construction and/or installation of walks but no additional building permit fee shall be charged for walks.

10.06.110 Plans. Plans for pedestrian walks shall be reviewed by the City of Bellevue Planning Department to determine that the provisions and objectives of this ordinance are intended to be accomplished, and approval indicated before a building permit is issued. Where adjoining properties are undeveloped or are developed and used for transient or temporary purposes, the pedestrian walks connecting to such adjoining property may be indicated on the plans as tentative location of future walks. Such future walks shall have the ground space reserved so that they can be constructed when the nature of the permanent development of the adjoining property is known. Where conflicts occur in the location of walks between adjoining properties the City Planning Department shall determine the location of the pedestrian walks and may give due consideration and regard for existing developed walks or previously planned future walks filed with the City Building Department.

10.06.120 Intersections. In the walkway system at intersections of major walks or other appropriate locations, it is suggested that a miniature park or rest point be established. Such rest points should be of sufficient size to permit installation of a bench, a tree, landscaping, drinking fountain, etc.

- (a) Such rest points, 300 sq. ft. or more in area and usable in shape, initially installed by the property owner and approved by the City Park Department will be maintained by the City Park Department in regards to plant feeding, pruning, spraying - fixture painting or staining - water or light costs and trash removal.
- (b) Other specific developments similar to the above miniature park, such as a continuous tree planting on a major walk - involving more than one property - may make arrangements and agreements for maintenance and/or ownership by the City Park Department.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1963, and signed in authentication of its passage this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1963.

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