

Borough of Downingtown

4 W. Lancaster Avenue
Downingtown, PA 19335
610-269-0344

SIDEWALK AND CURB CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

Applicant Information		
PROPERTY ADDRESS:		
Applicant Name: _____		
Address: _____		
Home Phone: () _____	Email _____	
Property Owner: _____		
Describe in detail the work to be done: _____ _____		
PA ONE CALL INFORMATION (Dial 8-1-1)		
SERIAL # _____		
LAWFUL DIG DATES: _____		
IS THIS A NEW CONSTRUCTION?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Work to be performed by:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner	Contractor Name and License # _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor		
ARE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS IN THE WORK AREA?		
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRE HYDRANT	<input type="checkbox"/> GAS METER	<input type="checkbox"/> UTILITY POLE
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER METER	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDICAP RAMP	
START DATE: _____	END DATE: _____	
I CERTIFY THAT A COPY OF THE CURBING AND SIDEWALK SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UPON THE FILING OF THIS APPLICATION:		
Applicant Signature _____	Date _____	
For Borough Use Only		
APPROVED BY: _____	Date _____	
Code Enforcement Officer		

Chapter 249: Streets and Sidewalks

ARTICLE II Sidewalk and Curb Construction (§ 249-7 — § 249-14) [Adopted 11-9-1925]

§ 249-7 Responsibility of property owners.

The grading, paving, repaving and repairing of all sidewalks on the streets of said Borough and the construction and repairing of curbs at the edge of the sidewalks shall be done by the owner or owners of the lot or lots of grounds fronting or abutting thereon at such time or times as the Council shall direct under the following regulations.

§ 249-8 Curb specifications. [Amended 3-13-1991 by Ord. No. 91-4]

All curbs laid, relaid or constructed after the passage of this article shall be of concrete or such other material as the Borough Council, upon application thereto, shall approve and shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

- A. Where built together with a sidewalk, curbing shall be six inches in thickness and 16 inches in depth.
- B. Independent curbing, or where the curb is built separate from the sidewalk, shall be six inches in thickness and 24 inches in depth.
- C. The curb reveal shall be six inches above the street line.
- D. Curbing shall be constructed in ten-foot lengths, separated by 1/2 inch of bituminous material.
- E. All concrete shall have a twenty-eight-day compressive strength of 3,500 pounds per square inch with a broom finish.
- F. The top surface of the curb shall be finished true to line and grade in a smooth, neat and even manner. The edges of the face shall be rounded to a radius of not more than 3/4 inch.
- G. The top of the depressed curb for a driveway shall be 1 3/4 inches above the roadway.
- H. Curb cuts for handicap accessibility shall be in accordance with federal regulations.
- I. The finished construction site shall be graded, raked and seeded, and the area shall be left clean of all debris.
- J. Any road surface disturbed by the removal of old curbing shall be repaired with two inches of ID2 blacktop material.

§ 249-9 Sidewalk specifications.

[Amended 4-11-1966 by Ord. No. 633; 3-13-1991 by Ord. No. 91-4]

All sidewalks laid, relaid or constructed after the passage of this article shall be concrete or such other material as the Borough Council, upon application thereto, shall approve and shall be in accordance with the following specifications:

- A. Sidewalks shall have a base supported by a layer of 2A crushed stone not less than four inches in thickness, thoroughly tamped, upon which shall be placed six-by-six-inch wire and not less than four inches of concrete wearing surface.
- B. Sidewalks shall be constructed in slabs not more than 10 feet in length with a construction joint every five feet.
- C. Sidewalks shall have 1/2 inch of bituminous expansion material placed every 10 feet. Sidewalks shall have a one-fourth-inch-per-foot slope toward the street.
- D. Sidewalk width shall be six feet, including the curb, except as otherwise prescribed by the Borough Council.
- E. All concrete shall have a twenty-eight-day compression strength of 3,500 pounds per square inch with a broom finish.
- F. Handicap-accessible ramps shall be installed in accordance with federal regulations.
- G. The finished construction site shall be graded, raked and seeded, and the area shall be left clean of all debris.

§ 249-10 Permit required. [Amended 10-10-1990 by Ord. No. 90-16]

The owner or owners desiring to lay, relay or construct any curb or pavement shall first obtain a permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 249-11 Repair. [Amended 10-10-1990 by Ord. No. 90-16]

The owner or owners shall keep in repair the curb and pavement in front of or abutting upon their respective premises. If the same shall not be kept in repair, the Code Enforcement Officer shall give such owner or owners notice, in the manner prescribed in § 249-12 of this article, to repair the same, and if the repairs are not made within 20 days after such notice is served, the Borough may cause said repairs to be made and collect the costs of the same from such owner or owners, either by suit or by filing a municipal lien therefor against such premises.

§ 249-12 Notice to property owners. [Amended 7-11-1990 by Ord. No. 90-10]

Whenever the Council shall determine that grading, paving, repaving, curbing or recurbing is necessary, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the owner or owners or agent or agents, in writing of such determination. Within 30 days of receiving such written notice, the property owner shall submit a written proposal of the work to be done, along with a schedule for the completion of such work. The property owner shall have 90 days from the receipt of the original notice to complete the work.

§ 249-13 Appeals. [Added 7-11-1990 by Ord. No. 90-10; amended 7-10-1991 by Ord. No. 91-17]

Should the property owner determine that such construction or repair of curbing and/or sidewalk is unnecessary or unreasonable or should present a hardship to the property owner, the owner may, within 45 days of the original notice, appeal the terms and conditions of said notice before the Borough Council.

§ 249-14 Enforcement. [Added 7-11-1990 by Ord. No. 90-10; amended 7-10-1991 by Ord. No. 91-17]

If the work is not completed within the ninety-day period allowed under § 249-12 or within the time period set by the Borough Council, the Borough may cause said work to be done at the owner's expense and may collect the cost therefore, plus 10%, together with all related charges and expenses from such owner or owners, by suit, or may file a municipal lien therefore against said premises.