

ORDINANCE NO. 632

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON, IOWA, 2017, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR RESPONSIBILITY

Be it enacted by the City Council of Jefferson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section Amended. Section 136.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

136.05 CITY MAY ORDER REPAIRS

1. Notice and Assessment for Repairs. If the abutting property owner does not maintain sidewalks as required, the Council may serve notice on such owner, by certified mail, requiring the owner to repair, replace or reconstruct sidewalks within a reasonable time and if such action is not completed within the time stated in the notice, the Council may require the work to be done and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax

2. Responsibility for Downtown Sidewalks. This Subsection shall apply to sidewalks located in the "Downtown Area" as defined in Subsection 3 of this Section. For sidewalks located in the Downtown Area, if the sidewalks that are 8 foot-wide or less, the property owner would be responsible for the repairs, replacement or reconstruction of the 4 feet of the sidewalk abutting the building while the City would be responsible for the remaining portion of the sidewalk to the street. For sidewalks in the Downtown Area that are more than 8 foot-wide, the property owner and City would each be responsible for half the cost of repairs, replacement or reconstruction.

3. "Downtown Area" Defined. For the purposes of this Section, the Downtown Area shall refer to Blocks 9, 10, 11, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 24, as well as the Public Square, in the Original Town (now City) of Jefferson, Greene County, Iowa. Described locally, this area shall encompass the sidewalks located along and abutting the following streets:

- A. The west and east sidewalks along Wilson Avenue between East Harrison Street and East Washington Street;
- B. The west and east sidewalks along Chestnut Street between East Harrison Street and East Washington Street;
- C. The east sidewalk along Vine Street between East Harrison Street and East Washington Street;
- D. The west sidewalk along Locust Street between East Harrison Street and East Washington Street;
- E. The north and south sidewalks along East State Street

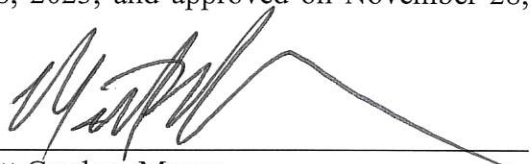
- between North Vine Street and North Locust Street;
- F. The north and south sidewalks along East Lincoln Way between Vine Street and Locust Street;
- G. The south sidewalks along East Washington Street between North Vine Street and North Locust Street; and
- H. The north sidewalks along East Harrison Street between South Vine Street and South Locust Street.

SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. When effective. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Finally passed by the Council on November 28, 2023, and approved on November 28, 2023.



Matt Gordon, Mayor

Attest:



Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in The Jefferson Herald on December 7, 2023,



Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk