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Chapter One Sidewalks

Section 1 Construction of Sidewalks

- A. That all sidewalks built or constructed within the said Village of Pecatonica, where no special ordinance has been provided therefore, shall be built and constructed upon a grade to be furnished, upon request of the property owners or lessees, by the Village Clerk of said Village.

- B. Hereafter all sidewalks built or constructed in said Village, where no special ordinance has been provided therefore, shall be constructed or built of concrete, in the most approved manner.

- C. The sidewalks built or constructed upon Main Street, from the North line of Fifth Street, in said Village, to an intersection of said Main Street with an Easterly extension of the North line of Lot Five (5), in Block Nine (9), Original Plat of the said Village of Pecatonica, where no special ordinance has been provided therefore, shall be six (6) feet in width, and extending in width from the curb line to the outer line of said street, and all other sidewalks in said Village, where no special ordinance has been provided therefore, shall be built or constructed four (4) feet in width, with the inner edge thereof eighteen (18) inches from the outer line of the street, with standard materials in a workmanlike manner.

Section 2 Sidewalks on Main Street

- A. All owners or lessees of property on said Main Street, from the North line of Fifth Street, in said Village, to an intersection of said Main Street with an easterly extension of the North line of Lot Five (5), in Block Nine (9), Original Plat of the said Village of Original Plat of the said Village of Pecatonica, where the buildings are not built to the street line as originally platted, shall build sidewalks covering the intervening space from such buildings to the street line as originally platted, when such intervening space is commonly used by the public; such sidewalks to be built of concrete in the most approved manner, and all of the following sections of this ordinance shall apply with equal force to such intervening spaces as to the sidewalks in the street as originally platted.

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Section 3 Openings on Sidewalks

- A. Every opening into any coal-hole, chute, vault, cellar way or other space, from any sidewalk, and every aperture in any sidewalk over any such coal-hole, chute, vault, cellar-way or other space, shall be securely covered (except as hereinafter provided) with a substantial plate or cover, having a rough surface and set even with the top of the sidewalk, so as to prevent accidents; and the constructing or maintaining of any such coal-hole, chute, vault, cellar-way or other space, under any sidewalk, may, at any time, be stopped or prevented by said Village.

- B. Such coal-hole, chute, vault, cellar-way or other space, shall be used in a guarded manner, and only kept open in the day time while in actual use.

- C. All cellar-ways under or contiguous to any sidewalk, shall be surrounded with iron railings and gates so as to prevent persons from falling or stepping into such cellar-ways.

Section 4 Repair of Sidewalks

- A. Whoever hereafter builds, rebuilds, or repairs, or has charge of the building, rebuilding or repairing of any sidewalk in or along any street or alley within said Village of Pecatonica, shall remove all materials, tools, appliances or other articles used in or about said building, rebuilding or repairing, or taken from the walk torn out or removed, from the street, alley or sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours from and after the completion of the building, rebuilding or repairing of such walk; and shall keep sufficient lights to properly safeguard such work burning all of each night where and while such work is progressing, from the time of commencement of the same until its completion.

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Chapter Two Damage to Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

Section 1 Damage to Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall injure or tear up for any purpose whatsoever any pavement of any street, alley or sidewalk or any part thereof, nor dig any hole, trench, ditch or drain, or dig or remove any sod, stone, curb, earth, sand or gravel from any street, alley, sidewalk, or other public place without first having obtained written permission from the Superintendent of Streets and Alleys, except as otherwise provided by ordinance.

Section 2 Repair

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of Section 1 of this Chapter shall within ten (10) days, repair the street, alley or sidewalk to its former condition.

Section 3 Liability for Repair

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of Section 1 of this Chapter shall be responsible and liable to the Village of Pecatonica for any and all damages to person or property, which the Village may be required to pay, as a result of said violation.

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Chapter Three Excavations

Section 1 Public Improvements

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall hinder or obstruct the making or repairing of any public improvement or work ordered by the Village Board or being done under lawful authority.

Section 2 Barricades

- A. Whoever shall by authority as provided by this ordinance make any excavation in any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place or remove any pavement from any street, alley or sidewalk shall place and erect necessary barricades and lights as provided in this ordinance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to injure, destroy or remove such barricades or lights while such excavation or repair is in progress.

Section 3 Protecting Excavations

- A. It shall be the duty of any person or persons engaged in digging into any street, alley, other public highway or sidewalk in paving any street, alley or sidewalk, building of any sewer or drain, or trench for water pipes, in any of the public streets, avenues, alleys or other public places, under contract with the Village of Pecatonica, made through either or any of the departments of said Village, or by virtue of any permission which may have been granted to them by the Village Board, or any department, or either of them, where such work, if left exposed, would be dangerous to passengers and pedestrians, to erect a fence or railing at such excavations or work in such manner so as to prevent danger to passengers and pedestrians, and to continue and uphold the said railing or fence until the work shall be completed or the obstruction of danger removed.
- B. It shall be the duty of such persons to place upon such railing or fence at twilight in the evening, suitable and sufficient lights, and keep them burning through the night during the performance of said work.
- C. All railings and fences erected on streets or public highways, as required by this ordinance for the protection of the public shall in each case be erected and maintained to the satisfaction and approval of the Superintendent of Streets.

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Chapter Four Construction

Section 1 Obstructions

- A. No person, firm or corporation shall construct or place, or cause to be constructed or placed, any patio, porch, door, window, railing, area-way or steps, or awning, which shall project into or over any sidewalk, street or alley in said Village, without permission of the President and Board of Trustees first had and obtained therefore.