

## ORDINANCE 226

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 214, SECTION 7(A) AND SECTION 10(B), ADDRESSING THE ASSESSMENT OF SIDEWALKS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Ordinance 214, Section 7 (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) “Adjusted Front Footage” Method of Assessment. The “cost per adjusted front foot” method of assessment shall be based on the quotient of the “assessable cost” divided by the total assessable frontage benefiting from the improvement. For the purpose of determining the “assessable frontage,” all properties, including governmental agencies, shall have their frontages included in such calculation.

The actual physical dimensions of a parcel abutting an improvement (i.e., street, sewer, water, etc.) shall not be construed as the frontage utilized to calculate the assessment for a particular parcel. Rather, and “adjusted front footage” will be determined. The purpose of this method is to equalize assessment calculations for lots of similar size. Individual parcels by their very nature differ considerably in shape and area. The following procedures will apply when calculating adjusted front footage. The selection of the appropriate procedure will be determined by the specified configuration of the parcel. All measurements will be scaled from available plat and section maps and will be rounded down to the nearest foot dimension with any excess fraction deleted.

1. Rectangular Interior Lots. The rectangular lot is defined as having no more than 2.0 feet difference between the front and rear lot lines. The adjusted front footage is the actual front footage of the lot. For rectangular lots whose frontage is greater than its depth, the “odd shaped or non-rectangular lot” method shall be used.
2. Odd Shaped or Non-Rectangular Lots. For odd shaped or non-rectangular lots; the adjusted front frontage shall be equal to the average width of the lot.
3. Corner Lot Adjustment. Street surface, sidewalks and curb and gutter costs for the front lot is assessed 100% and the side footage is assessed 50% with the remaining 50% being paid for by the City.

**Section 2.** Ordinance 214, Section 10 (B) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(B) Sidewalks and Trails.

1. New Construction. New sidewalks are assessed 100% to the abutting property on which the sidewalk is located.
2. Reconstruction. Replacement sidewalks are assessed 50% to the abutting property owner

and 50% City funded.

3. The City pays for the sidewalk across intersections and alleys.
4. 100% of the costs of the corner radius for sidewalks are paid for by the City.
5. Trails. Bituminous walkways and/or bicycle trails are not assessed, but rather funded by the City.

**Section 3.** All other portions of Ordinance 214 not amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.

For City of Arlington

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