

# Pedestrian Network Standards (PN)

## 7.17 PN-01: Pedestrian Network Standards

This Pedestrian Network Standards section applies to the following types of development:



- A. **Applicability:** Developments shall integrate an interior and exterior pedestrian network comprised of concrete sidewalks and/or asphalt sidepaths for pedestrian transportation and recreation. This network shall consist of sidewalks along street frontages and sidepaths between developments and public destinations (e.g. schools, parks, hospitals), nearby trails, other developments, and undeveloped properties.
1. **Required:** Details about when and where sidewalks are required shall be as indicated on the two-page layout for each subdivision type in *Article 6: Subdivision Types*, as indicated in *Article 4: Planned Development District* for planned developments, or as indicated in *Section 5.69: Public Improvement Standards* for development plans. If not indicated, the Zoning Administrator shall determine the appropriate sidewalk/sidepath requirements.
    - a. **Location:** To the extent possible, sidewalks/sidepaths shall be located one (1) foot inside the right-of-way to be dedicated to the City. If utility poles, trees, or other features complicate installation, then the sidewalk/sidepath may extend into common areas or private property if a pedestrian easement is created and executed.
    - b. Sidewalks shall be spaced away from the curb to create a tree plot and to provide pedestrian separation from vehicles. The minimum tree plot width shall be as indicated on the two-page layout for each subdivision type in *Article 6: Subdivision Types* or as indicated in *Article 4: Planned Development District* for planned developments.
  2. **Width:** The minimum sidewalk/sidepath width shall be as indicated on the two-page layout for each subdivision type in *Article 6: Subdivision Types* or as indicated in *Article 4: Planned Development District* for planned developments. If not indicated, the Zoning Administrator shall determine the appropriate sidewalk/sidepath width.
- B. **Non-petition Clause:** When sidewalks and/or sidepaths are not required, or the development gets relief from installing sidewalks and/or sidepaths, the City shall not, now or in the future, be obligated to install them. Every lot within the subject subdivision shall have a non-petition clause recorded as a deed restriction, applicable in perpetuity, stating that the property owner waives the right to petition the City for a sidewalk and/or sidepath to be installed at the City's expense. This waiver does not restrict private funding to be used for such improvements to be made.
- C. **Cross Reference:** Sidewalks and sidepath improvements shall be constructed to meet or exceed the City of Richmond's Construction Standards.