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ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Section 1. Sidewalks may be constructed along public streets or ways designated for use by the public within the Town of Gorham either upon initiation of the Town, or as required by the Town of a developer of a subdivision or upon approval by the Town from petition of abutters on both sides of the street.

Sidewalks to be constructed and maintained shall be designated primarily for the safety of pedestrians.

ARTICLE II - CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. The Town may build sidewalks along public streets if deemed in the public interest to do so. Construction shall be in accordance to general standards and practice as approved by the Town Manager. Costs to be assumed by the Town.

Section 2. The Town may require sidewalks to be built in accordance with the Land Use and Development Code of the Town in new subdivisions. Costs to be assumed by the developer.

Section 3. The Town may build sidewalks along public streets upon petition received by the Council from a majority of abutters on both sides of a street and along the entire length proposed for sidewalk construction. Upon receipt of a petition the Council shall hold a public hearing on the petition to enable all abutters to express their opinions regarding such sidewalks.

Following such hearing, the Council shall determine if the Town shall build a sidewalk.

Costs for construction shall be borne at least one-half by the Town, one-quarter of the costs to be assessed upon each abutter on both sides of the street, said assessment to be on a per footage basis to be collected by lien procedure if necessary.

ARTICLE III - NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. Upon approval by the Council of construction by petition the Town Manager shall give at least thirty days written notice to the owners of property abutting on both sides of the street of said Council order authority construction.

Section 2. The Town Manager shall keep an accurate account of the expense of such work and shall, as soon as practicable after the completion thereof, make a return showing the location of each sidewalk and/or curbing, its length and width, material of which constructed, cost of construction, and the names of the abutting property with the amounts properly chargeable against each. Within one year after the completion of such work, the Town Council shall assess upon the abutting properties their just proportion of the cost thereof and all assessments so made shall constitute a lien on said property to be enforced in the manner provided for the collection of real estate taxes in the Town of Gorham.