- (C) The Village Clerk or any other person upon whom the duty is imposed by law to publish notice required by law in regard to any special assessment by a special taxing district shall mail by certified mail with return receipt requested a copy of such notice to be published to the last-known address as shown on the current tax rolls of each nonresident property owner. (Neb. RS 13-312)
- (D) The failure of the Village Clerk any other person upon whom the duty is imposed by law to mail a copy of a published notice as provided in this section shall invalidate the assessment against the property involved while permitting all other assessments and procedures to be lawful. (Neb. RS 13-313)
- (E) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

NONRESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER. Any person or corporation whose residence and mailing address as shown on the current tax rolls is outside the boundaries of the county and who is a record owner of property within the boundaries of the village, special assessment district, or taxing district involved.

(Neb. RS 13-314)

SIDEWALKS

§ 92.50 REQUIREMENT TO KEEP CLEAN.

It shall be unlawful for the occupant of any lot or lots or the owner of any vacant lot or lots within the corporate limits to allow snow, sleet, mud, ice, or other substance to accumulate on the sidewalks or to permit any snow, sleet, ice, mud, or other substance to remain upon the sidewalk. Unless the Board of Trustees has provided otherwise, all sidewalks within the business district shall be cleaned within 5 hours after the cessation of a storm, unless the storm or fall of snow shall have taken place during the night, in which case the sidewalk shall be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. the following day, and sidewalks within the residential areas of the village shall be cleaned within 24 hours after the cessation of the storm.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.51 USE OF SPACE BENEATH.

No person shall be allowed to keep or use the space beneath the sidewalk lying between lot line and curb line unless a permit has been obtained from the Board of Trustees. Before any permit is granted, the applicant shall submit plans and specifications of any present or proposed construction to the Village Engineer. If the plans or specifications are disapproved by the Engineer, no permit shall be granted. All permits hereafter granted shall continue only upon the condition that the party receiving them builds,

maintains, and keeps in repair a sidewalk over the space used or constructed to be used and pays all damages that may be sustained by any person by reason of such use or by reason of the sidewalk being defective or in a dangerous condition. As a condition precedent to the issuance or continuance of any permit for the use of any space underneath the village sidewalks as contemplated in this section, the Board of Trustees may require the applicant to furnish a bond to the village as obligee for the benefit of any person who may suffer an injury or damage by reason of such use. The bond shall be in such sum as the Board of Trustees, in its discretion, may designate.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.52 CONSTRUCTION AT OWNER'S INITIATIVE.

- (A) Any person desiring to construct, or cause to be constructed, any sidewalk shall do so only as provided in this section. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct any sidewalk without first having obtained a permit.
- (B) The owner shall make application in writing for a permit and file such application in the office of the Village Clerk. The permit shall give a description of the lot or piece of land along which the sidewalk is to be constructed. The Overseer of Streets shall issue the desired permit unless good cause appears why the permit should be denied, except that if it is desired to construct the sidewalk at any other than the regularly prescribed location, grade, or elevation, the Overseer of Streets shall submit the application to the Board of Trustees for determination as to whether the permit should be granted or denied. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct, or cause to be constructed, such sidewalk at any other location, grade, or elevation than so designated by the village. All sidewalks shall be built and constructed on the established grade or elevation, and if there is no established grade, then on the grade or elevation indicated by the Overseer of Streets.

§ 92.53 CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR AT VILLAGE DIRECTION.

- (A) (1) The Board of Trustees may construct and repair sidewalks or cause the construction and repair of sidewalks in such manner as the Board of Trustees deems necessary and assess the expense thereof on the property in front of which such construction or repairs are made, after having given notice:
- (a) By publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of general circulation in the village; and
- (b) By either causing a written notice to be served upon the occupant in possession of the property involved or to be posted upon such premises 10 days prior to the commencement of such construction or repair.
- (2) The powers conferred under this section are in addition to those provided in Neb. RS 17-509 to 17-521 and may be exercised without creating an improvement district.

- (3) If the owner of any property abutting any street or avenue or part thereof fails to construct or repair any sidewalk in front of the owner's property within the time and in the manner as directed and requested by the Board of Trustees, after having received due notice to do so, the Board of Trustees may cause the sidewalk to be constructed or repaired and may assess the cost thereof against the property. (Neb. RS 17-522)
- (B) All sidewalks shall be constructed and repaired in conformity with such plans and specifications as may be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- (C) Assessments made under the provisions of this section shall be made and assessed in the following manner:
- (1) Such assessment shall be made by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting, by a resolution, taking into account the benefits derived or injuries sustained in consequence of such improvements, and the amount charged against the same, which, with the vote thereon by yeas and nays, shall be spread at length upon the minutes; and notice of the time of holding such meeting and the purpose for which it is to be held, shall be published in some newspaper published or of general circulation in the village at least 4 weeks before the same shall be held or, in lieu thereof, personal service may be had upon persons owning or occupying property to be assessed; and
- (2) All such assessments shall be known as special assessments for improvements and shall be levied and collected as a separate tax, in addition to the taxes for general revenue purposes, and shall be placed on the tax roll for collection, subject to the same penalties and collected in like manner as other village taxes.

(Neb. RS 17-524)

Statutory reference:

Authority to improve through sidewalk district, see Neb. RS 19-2417 through 19-2419

STREETS AND ALLEYS

§ 92.65 DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE.

No street or alley which shall hereafter be dedicated to public use, by the proprietor of ground in the village, shall be deemed a public street or alley, or be under the use or control of the Board of Trustees, unless the dedication shall be accepted and confirmed by an ordinance especially passed for such purpose.

(Neb. RS 17-567)