

Mound City Council Approves Sidewalk Ordinance

(KTNC) - Mound City Aldermen have approved a new sidewalk ordinance. The council unanimously approved the ordinance last week.

The ordinance adds a new chapter to the City Code. It requires a permit to build, rebuild, repair, or replace any sidewalk, and also makes it illegal to remove a sidewalk without replacing it. Sidewalks that were removed in the past and not replaced could be considered destruction of public property.

The ordinance does not require sidewalks to be built in new developments, but the Planning Commission will discuss revisions to the subdivision regulations to require sidewalks in future developments.

On a related note, the council discussed applying again next year for a Safe Routes to School Grant to pay for sidewalk improvements. The city's grant application submitted last fall was not approved.

Aldermen also approved an ordinance to change liquor license fees to the amount permitted by Missouri state law.

That ordinance was approved after Aldermen received information that the city's liquor license fees were considerably less than what state law allows. By law, the city license fee can be one-and-a-half times the state fee.

The biggest loss for Mound City was the liquor-by-the-drink license, which had been \$75, when under law it could be as high as \$450.

Mound City officials say the city was losing more than \$1200 in potential revenue as a result of the lower fees.