



CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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Patrick J. Manger, P.E.-P.S.
Clermont County Engineer

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Re: Sidewalk Bond Amounts

Developer,

It is the first of the year and we are re-evaluating the bond costs for the new subdivisions in 2015. There are many items that will require little to no change at all. The one item that will require an updated price is the sidewalk bond calculation. Currently, we charge \$10/lf. This price has not been adjusted since 1990. The bond forfeitures in the last few years has shown us that we cannot install sidewalk for this amount.

Unfortunately, it is time to change the sidewalk calculation to \$20/LF. This amount is in line with the estimates we have received for installing sidewalk in forfeited subdivisions (\$5/SF).

I know that sidewalk costs have been an issue for developers and the County Engineer has made several changes to our bond forms to try to "soften" the sidewalk bond burden. First we pulled the bond amount out of the street bond form and created a separate bond form exclusively for sidewalks. Later we created a one year sidewalk bond form as an instrument to reduce the bond amount after some of the sidewalk had been installed. Last year we created yet another sidewalk bond form which allows for a reduction at 50% completion and also at 75% completion within the original sidewalk bond form. All of these are an effort not to tie up your money for long periods of time waiting for the builder to install the sidewalks.

This letter is an effort to keep you informed so that the increase can be budgeted.

Sincerely,

Eric Ely
Inspection Department