

Resolution 2020-06

A Resolution to Clarify and Amend Historic Area Commission Guidelines Streetscape Section to Address Paving Materials for Multi-Use Trails and Commercial/Institutional/Public Parking Lots.

WHEREAS, the current Historic Area Commission guidelines ("Guidelines") do not specifically address paving materials for multi-use trails (e.g., walking and/or biking trails, paths and similar public passages not open to motor vehicles, excluding sidewalks) and commercial/institutional/public parking lots; and

WHEREAS, multi-use trails and commercial/institutional/public parking lots in the City of New Castle have traditionally been macadam, asphalt or bituminous concrete (blacktop); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines need to be clarified to provide better guidance to property owners and to Historic Area Commission members on the subject of paving materials for trails and commercial/institutional/public parking lots; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to propose and adopt changes of the Guidelines as authorized by paragraph 230-51 Proceedings of Historic Area Commission, section D of the City Code.

THEREFORE, the City Council hereby modifies the streetscape guidelines and standards section of the City of New Castle Historic Commission Streetscape Design Guidelines and Standards as follows (added language underlined):

Section 3. Curbs and Sidewalks:

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e. The paving of sidewalks with asphalt is NOT appropriate, except (1) when required to provide barrier-free access (Refer to Barrier Free Access guidelines for additional information) and (2) multi-use trails. For purposes of this section, "multi-use trails" shall mean walking and/or bicycling trails, paths and similar public passages not open to motor vehicles, excluding sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians along roadways).

Section 4. Driveways and Off-street Parking:

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e. Paving Materials.

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v. The use of Macadam or bituminous concrete ("blacktop") is **NOT** appropriate adjacent to historic buildings, with the exception of (1) code-mandated barrier-free access amenities such as handicapped accessible parking spaces and access paths, which require hard-surface materials suitable for wheelchair use, and (2) commercial/institutional/public parking lots.

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PASSED this 30th day of January, 2020.

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