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Temporary Sidewalk Article

All properties that abut city sidewalks shall conform to City of Rehoboth Beach code, Chapter 232. For those properties that hold approved demolition and/or building permits, the property owner, at their own expense, shall maintain a walkway along all sides of the property where a sidewalk is/was present during all active phases of demolition and/or construction. If, at any time, the sidewalk presents hazardous conditions to the public, all work shall cease and the hazardous portions of the sidewalk shall be removed and replaced with the following criteria, unless otherwise approved by the Building Inspector:

1. Hazardous portions of sidewalk shall be removed.
2. The sidewalk area shall be graded at a 1-2% slope away from the property towards the street, unless otherwise approved by the City engineer so as not to impede the flow of surface water and drainage to the road.
3. Stone shall be placed within the sidewalk area. Only #67 stone (1/4" – 1/2") shall be used with geo synthetic fabric underlayment. Round pea gravel is prohibited.
4. A minimum walkway width of 5' must be provided.
5. The stone shall be raised to a level which is flush to the remaining or adjacent existing sidewalk surface. The stone shall not present a tripping hazard.
6. Walkway area shall be maintained daily to always accommodate safe public access. Area shall be maintained until a permanent sidewalk can be constructed.
7. The property owner shall not have exclusive rights regarding the use of the walkway and shall in no way restrict or prohibit anyone from using the walkway. Furthermore, there shall be no obstacles placed within the walkway at any time.
8. The City will not maintain the walkway. All materials and/or labor expended by the property owner shall be by their own choice. The City shall not be held liable for the replacement or restoration of the walkway.