


CITY COMMISSION POLICY

<p>GRAND RAPIDS</p>  <p>MICHIGAN</p>	<p>NUMBER: 1000-18</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>FILE # DATE</p>
	<p>DATE: May 1, 1990</p>	
	<p>FILE NUMBER: 53015</p>	
	<p>DEPARTMENT: ENGINEERING</p>	

SUBJECT: **MONROE CENTER AREAWAYS AND SIDEWALK**

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the reconstruction, repair, and removal of areaways and sidewalk grade located along Monroe Center.

POLICY:

1. Because areaways located within the right-of-way of Monroe Center have limited the City in its ability to maintain safe and attractive walkways for the use of the public, the City of Grand Rapids has established as an objective that all areaways in Monroe Center either be removed or reconstructed in such a way that no portion of the areaway is located within 5" of the established finished grade of the Monroe Center sidewalks. The elimination of areaway encroachments in the 5" immediately below existing grade will permit the maintenance and replacement of the mall surface without disturbing areaway roofs.

2. It is the owner's responsibility to assure that the areaway is structurally sound. If the City Engineer questions the structural soundness of an areaway, the owner shall either remove or reconstruct the areaway in accordance with this policy and other pertinent regulations or provide certification by a registered engineer that the areaway is structurally sound for the City Engineer's consideration.

3. If the City Engineer determines that an areaway is structurally unsound, he will order the property owner to remove the areaway or reconstruct it consistent with this policy.

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4. If the City Engineer determines that an areaway is structurally sound, but contributing to the deterioration of the public sidewalk, he will order the owner to make the necessary repairs of the areaway including the sidewalk and the surface treatment as stated below.
5. When an areaway in Monroe Center is removed, reconstructed, or repaired, the owner of the areaway shall be responsible for restoring the mall surface to the existing grade with either the same material which existed previously or with concrete colored to match the adjoining surface. If the areaway is reconstructed, its structural roof shall be placed such that no portion of the areaway is located within 5" of the established finished grade of the Monroe Center sidewalk.
6. The maintenance, repair and/or replacement of sidewalk on grade is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. In certain instances, the sidewalk and/or the slurry grit surface has become deficient. When the City Engineer determines that a specific sidewalk area is deficient, he will order the owner to remove and replace it with new concrete sidewalk including a concrete surface colored to match the adjoining surface.
7. At times, and under certain conditions, the City may have programs available to assist the owner in fulfilling his/her responsibility under this policy.