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Jim,

I have not been able to find a document that states when PROWAG was adopted by the City, but the use of PROWAG is cited in the DPM. There are several references to it in the DPM but most relevant are 7-2(C)(5)(i) and 7-2(D)(1)(ii).



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Jim,

As an additional piece of information. The legal department said that federal standards would override the Master Plan standards.

Thanks,  
Jolene

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Thank you, Ernest. I have forwarded this information to our client.

Can you tell me when the City adopted the PROWAG standards and how that was done (via ordinance)?

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Jim,

I have been looking this over and it is my opinion that the City's current sidewalk standards would override the sidewalk requirements called out in the Master Plan. The Master Plan was approved 30 years ago and was done using the best practices of the time, but since then standards and ADA requirements have changed. The City has adopted the Federal guidelines of PROWAG which has a minimum 5' sidewalks.

I was incorrect when I suggested they could ask for DRB determination since that process is for when an applicant wants to let existing non-compliant sidewalk to remain and this is all proposed new sidewalk. When new construction is proposed we should impose current standards.

As a compromise I would be willing to reduce the sidewalk requirement to the minimum allowed of current standard which would be 5'.

If it is decided above me that the 4' from the Master Plan can proceed as approved 30 years ago then in-order to meet a minimum per ADA regulations then 5' wide sections at no less than every 200' to allow passing would need to be provided.

Please contact me with any questions on this.



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