

Dear Eric,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss my concerns, regarding the current plan for sidewalk construction at 303 N. Washington Avenue, earlier today. Our conversation highlighted the importance of addressing potential issues with future building modifications, particularly the need to avoid pouring city sidewalk concrete directly over the existing structures and property line without a break.

Upon reviewing the photos I took this evening, it's evident that an expansion joint or break is being installed between the existing buildings and the new sidewalk along both sides of the street.

However, at 303 N. Washington Avenue, I observed that the sidewalk extends beyond what appears to be the property line without a break. Considering our discussion about future plans to straighten the building's front and eliminate offsets, installing a break at the property line at this point seems prudent.

I understand your perspective that the sidewalk could be cut in the future to accommodate any necessary modifications, such as installing a footer etc. However, upon closer inspection, I uncovered the original footer beneath the area we previously discussed as the likely property line. Pouring dirt and concrete over this existing footer, especially with impending changes to the building's structure, could present significant challenges during future renovations, and unnecessary cutting and demo of a portion of the new sidewalk.

Given the confirmation of the existing footer's alignment with neighboring storefronts, I respectfully request a reconsideration of the decision to extend the sidewalk beyond this point without a break. Stopping the current pour at the edge of the footer would facilitate a cleaner installation and allow for seamless modifications to the property in the future without compromising the sidewalk.

The modifications to do this would simply require cutting one piece of rebar, 1 piece of expansion board, and installing approximately 2' of form board along the edge of the footer. The contractor is welcome to anchor the form board to the building's floor joist for an easier and quicker install if needed.

I trust you will carefully reconsider this matter in light of the new information provided.



Expansion breaks at neighboring property lines.



303 N. Washington Avenue, today's site preparation to pour over the property line without a break at the property line. (Additionally, the footer was covered with dirt.)



303 N. Washington Avenue uncovered existing footer which directly lines up with the neighboring storefronts.

Respectfully,

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