

4.6 Pedestrian-Friendly Zoning Ordinance

The existing zoning ordinance does not cater to creating a pedestrian-friendly environment. Sidewalks are not required on dead ends or cul-de-sacs that are less than 150' in length. There are no "connectivity" requirements between subdivisions, streetscape furnishings, and landscaping. Additionally, there are no design standards to increase comfort or visual appeal (e.g., street trees).

Recommendation: Require sidewalks and other amenities to create a pedestrian-friendly environment. Require pedestrian connections between subdivisions, benches, and other amenities. Create design standards to increase comfort and visual appeal at the pedestrian-level.

4.7 Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways

The Planned Development Overlay District has potential to address "circulation" issues as part of its review process and requirements but the needs of pedestrians and cyclists are not specifically cited. Typically, it would be part of a planned community process, or be addressed as part of open space requirements.

Pedestrian and bicycle pathways should be addressed as part of the overall circulation plan to improve connectivity in Downtown Oshkosh and beyond.

4.8 Shared Parking

The only reference to shared parking is in Section 30-36.A7 where it is allowed in commercial/industrial districts as long as the parking is within 300' of the buildings served.

It appears to be allowed in mixed-use developments but the total spaces must equal the sum of all requirements for each use. There is no reduction in spaces due to presumed "timesharing", e.g., office workers during the day and restaurant users at night.

4.9 Landscaping Requirements

The existing landscaping requirements are designed to temper visual impacts of development. They do not go very far to create positive environments or to improve the aesthetic of the Downtown Oshkosh.

The following are recommendations to improve these requirements:

- Amend Section 30.71.m to add urban design goals to the list of "subdivision policies" [30.71.m(3)]. This, however, only covers subdivisions.
- Amend Section 30.72 "submittal requirements" to add screening/buffering requirements and "landscape plans."
- Amend Section 30.72 Design Standards to specify minimum landscape requirements or to refer to a landscape manual that covers all landscape needs

- Adopt a landscape manual or a set of urban design guidelines
- Change plant/square foot formulas (Section 30.35.H.3) to plant/linear foot and increase minimum plant size for all streetscape/buffering