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**SIDEWALK EXEMPTION APPLICATION**

**Submit to the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 120 Pleasant Street, Belding, MI 48809**

Applicant's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of the proposed exemption \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation of the request \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read the Belding Sidewalk Exemption Policy (attached) and check all of the appropriate boxes below:**

- The proposed sidewalk is NOT part of the Master Pathway System for the City.
- The proposed sidewalk is NOT part of an existing or proposed Walkable Community Plan.
- The proposed sidewalk would require extensive grading.
- The proposed sidewalk would require the installation of a retaining wall.
- The proposed sidewalk is on a corner lot.
- The proposed sidewalk would require significant tree removal.
- There are no other sidewalks in the immediate area.

**I understand that I may be required to provide a sketch of my property showing the exemption requested.**

**I further understand that if the exemption is granted but sidewalks are installed, or ordered installed in the future, by initialing below I agree to install sidewalks on my property, at my expense, at such time. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initials of Applicant)**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **SIDEWALK EXEMPTION POLICY**

Adopted by the Planning Commission on September 27, 2016

It is the intent of the Planning Commission that a city-wide system of public sidewalks be installed as required by Chapter 3 of the City Charter, the Belding Zoning Ordinance and the Belding Subdivision Ordinance.

An exemption from the sidewalk requirement will NOT be granted under the following circumstances:

- Where the proposed sidewalk is or could be a part of the Pathway Master Plan for the City as adopted by the Recreation Advisory Board.
- Where the proposed sidewalk is part of an existing or proposed Walkable Community Plan as adopted by the Planning Commission.

Relief from the sidewalk installation requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis ONLY where one or more of the following conditions exist:

- Where unusual topography would require extensive grading, bridging and/or installation of a retaining wall to accommodate the proposed sidewalk.
- Where significant tree removal must be accomplished in order to accommodate the proposed sidewalk.
- Where it can be determined that relief from the sidewalk installation requirement would not be detrimental if sidewalks were installed on only one side of a corner lot.
- Where it appears unreasonable to require sidewalk installation in areas where no sidewalks are currently in place and where none are planned for the foreseeable future.

An exemption to the sidewalk installation requirement will NOT be granted based solely on professed economic hardship.

Applicants must apply for a sidewalk installation exemption on a form provided by the City of Belding for this purpose. The Planning Commission will consider the request at its next meeting and schedule a public hearing and decision on the request.