

Chapter 16 Streets and Sidewalks  
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**\*Cross references**--Public drunkenness, § 11-14; public utilities systems, Ch. 13; sewage, Ch. 14; subdivisions, Ch. 17; traffic, Ch. 19; trees and landscaping, Ch. 20.

**State law references**--Authority to construct and maintain streets and roads, Ga. Const., art. 9, sec. 2, par. 3; powers with respect to municipal street system, O.C.G.A. § 32-4-92; power of city to open, close or extend public streets, alleys and sidewalks, O.C.G.A. § 36-34-3; street improvements, O.C.G.A. § 36-39-1 et seq.; executions for collection of assessments for paving streets and laying sewers, O.C.G.A. § 48-5-358.

Section 16-0A    **ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

Section 16-1    **Minimum width of sidewalk pavement.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to lay any sidewalk pavement of a width less than four (4) feet.  
(Code 1958, § 20-2)

Section 16-2    **Encroachments declared nuisance; abatement.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or entity to place or cause to be placed any encroachment or obstacle on, over, above, or beneath any street, alley or sidewalk of the city. Any person, firm or entity violating this section may be cited, and, if convicted, shall be punished as provided in Section 1-6. In addition, if any police officer of this city determines that any such encroachment or obstacle exists, and that such obstacle or encroachment hinders safe passage and free use of the street, alley or sidewalk involved, the police officer shall have the authority to cause such encroachment or obstacle be removed as soon as practicable thereafter. At the discretion of the City Manager, a charge in the amount of the expense to the City for the removal of the encroachment or obstacle shall be made to the person, firm or entity who or which caused the encroachment or obstacle to exist. If such charge is not paid within thirty days of the delivery of the charge to such person, firm or entity, the City Manager shall direct the City Clerk to issue execution for the amount of such charge, and the City Marshal shall proceed to collect the execution in the same manner as is provided for the collection of tax executions. In addition, the City Manager may use any other lawful method for the collection of the charge for expenses contemplated herein.

(Ord. of 6-22-11)

Section 16-3    **Removal of earth.**

It shall be unlawful to dig or remove earth from any street, sidewalk, alley, common or reserved lot belonging to the city, without permission from the city council.  
(Code 1958, § 20-7)

Section 16-4    **16-4--16-9. Reserved**