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From: LORA BAKER
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 3:52 PM
To: manager@columbusnc.com <manager@columbusnc.com>
Subject: Town Sidewalks

The original (or best we can decipher) town plat shows Mills Street at 99 feet. Public Works measured 104 feet from building to building. There may be a difference if it's measured in a different spot, and if I can go out with public works next time, I'd like to.

It could be that the sidewalk on one side was not part of the road initially, or a small part of both, but I don't know really how we can tell that.

My assumption is that the Town has probably acted as if it was responsible for the sidewalk for some time. Let me know if I'm wrong about that. There's a chance it was dedicated to the Town at some point, how we would find that, I don't know.

Do you know if we've done work on the sidewalk, grading it down for runoff, repairs, weed eating, etc.?

I haven't found anything in our ordinances that seem to me to specifically address vending machines, and the like on sidewalks. We could pass an ordinance that deals with obstructions on sidewalks which may impact public safety (pedestrians trying to pass each other, etc.), and if we did, I don't know whether it matters if we own the sidewalks or not.

Have you found anything ordinance wise that you believe may cover this situation?

Did you tell me you've already sent a letter demanding it be removed, and they wouldn't agree? Was the letter sent to the tenants or the landlord, if so?

Thanks,
Lora Baker
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