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The city has a sidewalk input survey. <https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-i-z/sidewalk-input-survey>

Many places in Ames have no sidewalks at all. All over Ames, people are forced to walk in the street, but why worry about that when we can instead discuss whether we should go from 1/4" to 1/2" vertical displacement?

Are we seriously discussing a 1/4" difference in displacement when some sidewalks are missing 4 feet wide, by the width of the property? Yes, let's obsess over almost irrelevant details & ignore the major issue of missing sidewalks, at least until some child gets run over by a car & killed.

The last time that these missing sidewalks were discussed by the city council, some then council members thought that it was unfair that property owners should have to add a sidewalk, since some already had a sidewalk along another edge of their property. If this is a genuine concern, instead of a total lapse in logic, I propose that every property owner that lives on a corner be allowed to abandon one of their two sidewalks.