

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION
OF ALLEYS, DRIVEWAYS AND RETAINING WALLS TO CORRECT
PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES

Pursuant to Section 5-301(b) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter and Act of July 11, 1923, P.L. 1032, as amended, of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, the following regulations are promulgated by the Board of Health.

1. ALLEYS--DRIVEWAYS

A private alley or driveway may be declared a public health nuisance when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- (a) Defective drainage resulting in the formation of stagnant pools of water or the production of noxious odors or excessive drainage into adjoining properties or areas.
- (b) Broken, bulging, depressed or disintegrated paving resulting in hazardous walking or driving conditions, or resulting in conditions conducive to rodent harborage or breeding of flies and mosquitoes.
- (c) Rutted, pitted, uneven or unpaved surfaces conducive to the growth of weeds or the collection of dirt or rubbish, or which interfere with the removal of weeds, dirt or rubbish within the alley or driveway lines.

RETAINING WALLS

A private retaining wall may be declared a public health nuisance when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- (a) Collapse of wall or a portion thereof.
- (b) Bulged or tilted wall or portion thereof indicating possible collapse.
- (c) Cracked, eroded or pitted surfaces with evidence of interior deterioration indicating possible collapse, or conditions conducive to harborage of rodents or interference with proper drainage.

3. REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ALLEYS, DRIVEWAYS AND RETAINING WALLS

Repairs and/or reconstruction of alleys, driveways or retaining walls which have been declared a public health nuisance shall be accomplished as per the specifications of the Department of Streets.

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