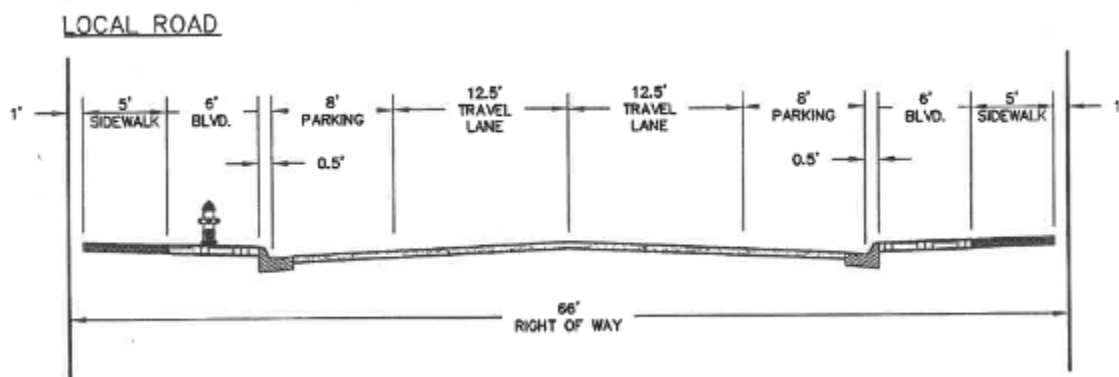


# Did You Know?

## Right-of-Way

Many of our streets are platted at 66-feet wide from one property line to the property line on the opposite side of the street. That includes room for the driving area, a sidewalk, boulevard, and curb/gutter (see diagram below). A single lane of traffic uses about 10-12 feet clearance. With some of our streets paved and others not, some having sidewalks, others do not...the 66-feet of right-of-way may be difficult for the naked eye to determine. This has created a slight problem for those of us trying to determine our property line to install a fence, plant trees or other landscaping.



## Know Your Property Line

Folks have watered their grass so well it has started growing farther out into the driving area of the street. This gives the illusion that your property is larger. (Add to it perpendicular parking habits on some of our streets: the roads have become more narrow.) Our Public Works crew maintains the streets by sweeping, plowing, sanding, grading and applying a dust reduction agent. Even on the paved streets grass ends up growing through the pavement, sidewalks and curbs have disintegrated leaving a smaller and smaller appearing right-of-way.

## You can help!

Find a property pin and ensure what you are planting and maintaining is on your actual property. Be sure when you are landscaping, planting trees and even watering that you do not become too attached to anything in the right-of-way. With so much encroaching into the right-of-way, the area to be maintained by the City gets harder and harder to get to. And although we love seeing you take care of your (and the City's) property so well, we would hate for a tree root to penetrate a water/sewer mains, forcing us to make unnecessary repairs and remove your tree, or for us to have to remove your vegetation/landscaping/sprinklers when/if we dig up the street to work on the mains, or install sidewalks, curb & gutter, or pave/chipseal streets.

**Other Facts**

Ordinance #8-2-3 states that the City requires every property owner abutting Main Street to build or repair sidewalks. However, no other ordinance requires building or repairing sidewalks on any other streets. As such, there are roughly half of the properties in the residential areas with sidewalks and the other half without. However, if you choose to install sidewalks within the City's right-of-way we would be happy to work with you to remove and dispose of old sidewalks (at no charge to you). Call us at 406-285-3431 to find out more or visit our website at [www.threeforksmontana.us](http://www.threeforksmontana.us).