



SIDEWALK REPAIR POLICY

Purpose: To provide a plan to provide a safe and efficient public sidewalk network throughout the City. To provide a method to identify hazardous public sidewalk conditions and report them to the responsible person to ensure repairs are completed.

Responsibility: It shall be the responsibility of the Street Superintendent of the City of Plymouth to oversee and manage this program.

Annual Inspection: Annually, the City will identify a district within the city limits containing public sidewalks to be inspected based on one of the four voting districts in the City.

Guidelines for Sidewalk Replacement:	
Type of Defect	Defective walk shall be replaced when:
1. Uneven Squares (offsets/tripping defects)	An offset in the surface has developed that is greater than 3/4": replacement of adjacent matching sidewalk would be off grade.
2. Transverse Cracks	A crack greater then 3/4" wide exists.
3. Longitudinal Cracks	A crack greater then 3/4" wide exists. If a segment with continuous cracks requires 1 or more stones be replaced all stones should be included.
4. Holes	Holes in the surface are in excess 3" x 3" x 1" deep
5. Spalled Surface	The surface of a walk slab has 50% or greater of surface decayed
6. Deteriorated Joints	The joints have an eroded condition and are 3/4" wide or greater
7. Patched Slabs	Any bituminous patching has been done on the sidewalk
8. Graylining (spiderweb cracking of the surface)	The surface of a walk slab has 50% or greater of its surface containing graylining.
9. Full Walk are below top of curb.	The walk adjacent to the curb has settled greater that 3/4" inch below the top of curb.
10. Sidewalks uneven from tree roots, City Tree	Sidewalks with tree roots on City's side of sidewalk. The City shall remove tree roots as needed to install new sidewalks

11. Sidewalks uneven from tree roots, property owners tree	Sidewalks with tree roots on Property owners' side of sidewalk. The City shall remove tree roots as needed to install new sidewalks. In the event the tree might be damaged at a later date the City will not reimburse the owner for work performed in the City right of way. If the tree needs to be removed it shall be removed at the owners' expense.
13. Carriage Walks	Carriage walks, (walks between the curb and front of sidewalk) are the property owners' responsibility. If a carriage walk is in need of repair per this policy, the property owner will be notified. If the sidewalk is not repaired within 30 days, the walk will be removed at no cost to the property owner.
14. Yard Walks	Yard walks, (walks between the back of the sidewalk and the building on the property), are the property owners' responsibility and will not be inspected or replaced. If a yard walk has a trip hazard per this policy the owner will be notified, but the City will take no further action.
15. Driveway Aprons and Driveways	All driveways adjoining both the front of the sidewalk and back of the sidewalk shall be the property owners' responsibility to inspect and repair.

CITIZEN NOTIFICATIONS: If the city receives notification of a sidewalk that might be in need of repair, it will be documented and inspected within 5 days. If the sidewalk is in need of repair the walk will be temporarily repaired until the slab is replaced per this policy.

PAYMENT: The district to be inspected shall be inspected prior to the budgeting process for the City. An estimated cost shall be made for the following years sidewalk repair cost for each annual budget. It shall be the policy of the City to budget a fixed amount as determined by the common council for sidewalk repairs. These funds will be used to pay for all repairs of public sidewalks.