

CITY OF EUREKA

Category: ENGINEERING

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Subject: SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

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POLICY OBJECTIVE

Establish guidelines to be followed in the administration of 1911 Sidewalk Act.

ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY

Engineering Department

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all sidewalks in the City judged by the Engineering Department to be in need of repair.

PROCEDURES

A. Determination of walks required repair will be made subject to the following prioritization:

1. Walk repairs – Responsibility of City of Eureka

Approximately fifty-percent of funds allocated for repair of sidewalks will be expended to remove hazards in walks fronting City property and to make repairs that may be required due to damage resulting from City street trees or from water meter boxes.

In the event a walk is in such a condition that all, or a significant portion must be replaced and the walk has been designated to be replaced in the Old Town Theme (exposed aggregate, bollards and street trees), the City will bear the responsibility to replace the walk. Until such time that funds may be available for replacement, the fronting owner will be responsible to perform minor repairs to eliminate any hazards.

2. Walk repairs – Responsibility of owners

Remaining funds will be utilized to repair sidewalks when responsible owners have not responded to the Notice to Repair. Walk selected under the following categories will be based upon correcting the most hazardous location first. This will not necessitate that adjacent properties be notified if adjacent walks only have minor deficiencies.

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brushed concrete walk the fronting owner will bear the responsibility to replace the walk in accordance with City standards. If the area has been designated a street tree area, the City will furnish root control boxes, tree grates, frames and guards to the owner or his contractor for his installation in the walk in accordance with City standards. The City will provide and install the street trees. If only minor repairs are required street trees will not be installed.

a. Previous notification

Owners of property fronting defective sidewalks will be notified to repair walks where the City has been made aware of hazards either through notice by the public or by non-compliance with sidewalk requirements under the Building Permit process. Walks will be reviewed and the owner will be notified to repair all deficiencies found on the owner's fronting sidewalk in accordance with criteria as defined herein.

b. Substantial defects

Owners of property fronting sidewalks found to have substantial defects will be notified to repair said defects and all other deficiencies found on the owner's fronting sidewalk in accordance with criteria as defined herein.

B. Criteria

At such time that it is determined that a walk requires repairs, all walk fronting the respective property will be reviewed and repairs shall be made when deficiencies meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Vertical separations exceeding one-quarter inch (1/4") or more.
2. Horizontal separations exceeding one-inch (1") or more.
3. Local depressions causing ponding of storm water of one-half inch (1/2") or more in depth.
4. Segments of walk or curb that have been removed.
5. Broken or chipped curbs that would cause a hazard to pedestrians or motor vehicles.
6. Severely deteriorated or broken areas of walk that would be expected to result in a hazard in the foreseeable future.
7. Any other condition that obviously constitutes a hazard to the public.

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The City Engineer may, as necessary, adopt departmental policy and procedures to define sidewalk deficiencies and defects and to delineate measures to implement the California Improvement Act of 1911 and this Policy and Procedure.

The City Engineer is authorized to make a determination that individual repairs will not serve the long range public interest and is authorized to require that all or substantial portions of fronting sidewalk and curb be completely replaced.