

# SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

## CITY OF MCPHERSON

### Program Details

The City recognizes that performing sidewalk maintenance can be expensive. This program helps offset some of the expenses to residential property owners by reimbursing them for the cost of materials for qualifying sidewalk repairs.

Funding for this program is determined annually and will be a first-come, first-serve basis.

### Objectives

The City of McPherson believes all citizens benefit from sidewalks that are in good condition. Well maintained sidewalks provide the following benefits:

- Facilitate safe travel for those who have disabilities or are unable to drive
- Improve the public image of neighborhoods
- Facilitate safe routes to school
- Improve safety for night and early morning walkers

### GET IN TOUCH

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### FAQ

#### CAN I ALSO REPLACE THE WALKWAY THAT LEADS UP TO MY HOUSE?

Yes, but the sidewalk leading from the street to the house is not eligible for the program.

#### I HAD TO FIX MY SIDEWALK A FEW YEARS AGO. CAN I GET ANY REIMBURSEMENT NOW?

No, we do not retroactively reimburse. Especially if no inspections were done at the time the sidewalk was installed.

#### I PARTICIPATED IN THE SIDEWALK PROGRAM A FEW YEARS AGO, CAN I USE THE SIDEWALK PROGRAM AGAIN?

Yes, as long as the sidewalk is in violation of city code or ADA, it is eligible for participation in any year.

#### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF MY HOME?

State statute and the City of McPherson Code both dictate that it is the duty of the adjacent property owner to keep the sidewalk in repair.

In short, nothing in this program relieves you of the responsibility to maintain and repair your sidewalk.

#### DO I HAVE TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR OR CAN I DO THE REPAIRS MYSELF?

You are welcome to make repairs yourself or hire your own contractor; just as long as you have first obtained a sidewalk construction permit, have had all the required inspections and the sidewalk is properly constructed to City specifications.

### VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

After you contact the City an inspector will assess the condition of the sidewalk on your property. The inspector will mark all sidewalk panels that meet one or more of the violation criteria and calculate the eligible participation amount. The City will then send you a letter with the total amount eligible for City funding and an official participation form.

Should you choose to do the work and participate in the program, sign and return the enclosed form to the City office.

If funds are still available, the City will send you a notice to proceed with your project. You will have 30 days to complete the sidewalk work unless otherwise approved by the Director of Public Works.

You or your contractor must call for a preconstruction inspection before placing any concrete. A City inspector will inspect the sidewalk forms and reinforcing steel to ensure they meet City requirements.

After all work is finished the City Inspector needs to make one final inspection before payment is issued.