
12.22.010 Appointment of administrator—Duties.

- (a) The building inspector shall be designated as the sidewalk administrator.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the sidewalk administrator to administer the provisions of this chapter. He shall determine that new sidewalks are laid where required, that existing sidewalks are repaired or replaced when required, and that all sidewalk construction is completed according to the requirements of this chapter.

(Ord. 1015 §2(part), 1983).

12.22.040 Sidewalk repair and replacement—When required.

- (a) The sidewalk administrator shall order any sidewalk which is unsafe, defective, or insufficient to be repaired or replaced so that said sidewalk meets the specifications set forth in this chapter.
- (b) During the calendar year 1983, the sidewalk administrator shall perform a comprehensive survey of the structural conditions of all sidewalks in the City of Whitewater and shall report to the council those sidewalks which are unsafe, defective or insufficient. Starting in the calendar year 1984, the sidewalk administrator shall annually review the sidewalks in one of the wards per year on a rotating basis.
- (c) Whenever the following sidewalk defects are found to exist by the sidewalk administrator, an appropriate order for the repair or replacement of the sidewalk shall be made:
 - (1) When a sidewalk has a three-quarter inch or greater height difference between blocks, it shall be required that the entire block which is out of alignment be replaced and realigned. Topping the lower slab with concrete or blacktop and/or using concrete or blacktop to ramp from the lower slab to the higher slab is not permitted.
 - (2) When a horizontal alignment variance of one inch per foot or greater exists the entire block which is out of alignment shall be required to be replaced or realigned.
 - (3) When one or more cracks exist in a block with openings which are of three-quarters of an inch or larger, it shall be required that the entire block be replaced.
 - (4) When the scaling or cracking of a block makes the block unsafe, the entire block shall be required to be replaced.
 - (5) When a block has a corner missing, and the size of the missing corner is less than six inches by six inches, the block may be repaired by patching unless the condition is repetitive on three or more blocks, in which case the blocks shall be replaced.
 - (6) When the height of a block causes isolated ponding of water, the entire block shall be required to be replaced or adjusted in elevation so that the ponding of water is eliminated.
 - (7) When the sidewalk has not been set to the required grade or line or does not comply with other specifications of this chapter, it shall be required to be repaired or replaced.
- (d) When a portion of an old sidewalk is repaired or replaced and the original width of said sidewalk was less than or greater than four feet, the original width of the sidewalk shall prevail, provided that the original width is uniform within the entire block and also that less than all of the sidewalk on the entire block will be replaced. In all other circumstances the four-foot width regulation shall be applicable.
- (e) Although minor streets are not required to install new sidewalk where none had previously existed, they are required to maintain existing walk and to install new sidewalk in blocks in which there is sidewalk along fifty

percent of the street frontage within the block. There are no provisions which allow removal of sidewalk unless a variance would be granted by the council.

(Ord. 1015 §2(part), 1983).

12.22.060 Owner responsibility for the construction of new sidewalk and for the replacement and repair of existing sidewalk—Noncompliance.

- (a) Whenever the sidewalk administrator determines that the provisions in this chapter require the construction of new sidewalk or the repair or replacement of existing sidewalk, he shall prepare an order requiring that new sidewalk be constructed or that existing sidewalk be repaired or replaced. A copy of the order directing such construction, replacement or repairs shall be served upon the owner of each lot or parcel of land. The sidewalk administrator shall serve such notice. Service of the notice may be made by personal delivery, by certified or registered mail, or by publication in the Whitewater Register as a Class I notice under Chapter 985 of the Wisconsin Statutes, together with mailing by first class mail if the name and mailing address of the owner can be readily ascertained.
- (b) Whenever any such property owner who has been notified shall neglect for a period of twenty days after such notification to lay, remove or replace, or repair any such sidewalk, the sidewalk administrator may cause such work to be done at the expense of such owner. All work for the construction of new sidewalks and the replacement or requiring of existing sidewalks shall annually be let by competitive bidding to the lowest responsible bidder, or done by public works personnel currently employed by the City of Whitewater.
- (c) The sidewalk administrator shall serve the order, which is discussed in subsection (a) of this section, along with a "Notice of Owner's Intent Form." Said form shall state the options for the property owner. The property owner shall return the "Notice of Owner's Intent Form" to the sidewalk administrator within twenty days of receiving the notice and shall indicate on the notice the method of repair or replacement desired.
- (d) Whenever a property owner elects to have the City of Whitewater personnel or contractor install, repair or replace their sidewalk, the property owner shall be required to sign a release form. The form shall be similar to the following:

CITY OF WHITEWATER

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION RELEASE FORM

OWNER:

ADDRESS:

Other description if required:

The undersigned in electing to utilize the City of Whitewater personnel and/or its contractor for required sidewalk repair or installation hereby releases the City of Whitewater from any obligation for repair of sidewalk due to minor cracking or other minor problems which frequently occur with concrete construction. Work done by the City of Whitewater personnel or its contractor will be done according to ordinance specifications. The phrase "minor problems" above is intended to mean problems which do not affect the sidewalk's performance.

Property Owner's Signature

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- (e) The City of Whitewater shall be responsible for the costs incurred to reconstruct curbs and sidewalk to comply with Section 66.616 of the Wisconsin Statutes when possible (Reference Curb Ramping for Handicap Accessibility).
- (f) The cost of the sidewalk construction and/or repair may be paid by the abutting property owner as follows:
- (1) The abutting property owner may elect to reimburse the city by paying the cost of said repair or construction within thirty days of being billed. No interest will be charged if paid within thirty days of the billing. If the cost of construction or repair is not paid within thirty days, it shall be entered by the city clerk on the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like taxes upon real estate. The amount so added to the tax roll shall include interest at the prevailing rate per month from the date that the individual was initially billed to December 31st of the year in which it is placed on the tax roll.
 - (2) Whenever the amount to be levied is in excess of one hundred dollars, the property owner may elect to pay over a five-year period and to have the city clerk enter said costs, together with interest at the prevailing interest rate on the tax roll, as a special assessment against such lot or a parcel of land.
 - (3) The city shall be responsible for the costs incurred to reconstruct curbs and sidewalks to comply with Section 66.616 of the Wisconsin Statutes, except where the sidewalk involved was determined to be unsafe, defective, or insufficient. In that case, the property owner shall be assessed on a square foot basis for the sidewalk replaced which is in the normal construction limits of a standard sidewalk, that is, one foot from property line, four feet in width.
 - (4) Where there is a replacement of sidewalk and there has been a previous assessment for sidewalk, a credit shall be given for the remaining useful life of the sidewalk. The useful life of the sidewalk for his purpose shall be ten years.

(Ord. 1015 §2(part), 1983).