

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER  
SIDEWALK POLICY  
ORDINANCE NO. 179

The Village of Dorchester has adopted the following policy in an attempt to install and maintain sidewalks in a reasonably safe condition. Sidewalks may be installed or repaired via the following methods:

1. The property owner (in accordance with Village of Dorchester requirements),
2. A hired contractor (in accordance with Village of Dorchester requirements), or
3. Village of Dorchester employees (in accordance with Village of Dorchester requirements).

The Village of Dorchester has established an inspection procedure to ensure that all Village of Dorchester sidewalks are inspected at least once each year.

Hazardous conditions found or reported to the inspector will be investigated and repairs necessary, if any, will be determined.

The sidewalk inspector will use discretion to determine if a sidewalk is defective. Criteria are based on evidence of deterioration and potential hazards due to concrete sections being broken, tilted, raised, chipped or displaced through overall use and freeze and thaw action. Criteria to be considered are:

1. Vertical displacement of a random crack or at a joint between sidewalk slabs.
2. A horizontal random crack.
3. Four or more random cracks in a sidewalk square.
4. Vertical alignment irregularities.
5. A cracked sidewalk with pieces missing.
6. A raised section of sidewalk due to a stump or tree roots.

Sidewalk irregularities not severe enough to require repair will be marked by vertical lines of orange paint.

Sidewalks identified for repair will be marked with vertical and horizontal lines of orange paint. The property owner will be sent a notice providing them with the following information:

1. Name of property owner as available in the Clerk's Office.
2. Address of property involved.
3. Repairs to be made - temporary or permanent.
4. Length of time for repairs to be made - 15 to 30 days.

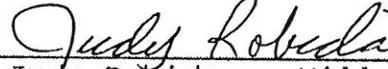
If repairs are not made within designated time, a second notice will be sent to the property owner informing them that the repairs will be made by Village employees or their designee and the cost of same will be the responsibility of the property owner.

This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon passage and publication.

Approved:



James Jantsch Village President



Judy Robida Village Clerk

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