

Martinez Sidewalk Repair Cost Sharing Reimbursement Program

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to repair, replace or reconstruct all broken or defective sidewalks and to maintain in a safe and hazard-free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the traveled portion of the public street.

To assist residents with the cost of repairing, replacing, or reconstructing sidewalks, the City will rebate to residents 50% (up to a maximum of \$500) of the cost to remove and replace, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks that meet the requirements of this Program. Such potential rebates will continue only until budgeted funds allocated for such purposes are exhausted. Nothing in this Program shall require the City Council to make any budget allocation of any amount in any budget year. At the City's discretion and upon the request of the property owner, the City may, in lieu of rebate, perform saw cutting and/or concrete removal and disposal within a two-hour work window.

Prior to removing a sidewalk, residents must complete the attached sidewalk rebate application form and encroachment permit application and deliver to City Hall for determination of eligibility for the rebate.

Program Elements:

- Reimburse owner, tenant or contractor 50% of cost per fronting street where work occurs (up to a maximum of \$500, or, if corner lots with work on both frontages, 50% of cost up to \$1,000) to tear out and replace, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks that qualify as hazardous as described in this Program, a maximum of once every five (5) years.
- Program may be funded at the discretion of Council as a separate line item in the annual budget.
- Reimbursement is limited to extent of annual budgeted funds, if any, available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Funds will be allocated for any eligible location in the City as determined by the City Engineer.

Quality Controls:

To be eligible for reimbursement, all of the following must occur:

- A right-of-way, no fee Encroachment Permit must be obtained with a \$250 refundable deposit. Proper insurance shall be provided as part of the Encroachment Permit application.
- Martinez staff perform initial site review, during which areas of removal are marked and photos taken to verify site is eligible for reimbursement.
- Martinez staff perform form inspection.
- Martinez staff perform final inspection.
- Materials and workmanship comply with City of Martinez construction standards.
- Permittee has sole responsibility to coordinate the necessary inspections.

Eligibility:

- Only Martinez properties are eligible.
- Existing residences are eligible.
- Commercial properties are eligible.
- Eligible work is the replacement of sidewalk and/or driveways in the right-of-way parallel to the street for repair of trip hazards.
- Extension of walkway where it does not currently exist is not eligible.

Qualifying Sidewalk Conditions Include:

- Lifts or depression equal to or greater than $\frac{3}{4}$ - inch.
- Cracks greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
- Spalling over 25% of the surface.
- Chipped edges over 4 inches.
- Any sidewalk defects determined by the City Engineer to be a potential hazard to pedestrian travel.

Sidewalk Application Form

Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

Please describe the location and illustrate below a picture of the sidewalk to be replaced, including the width, length and thickness:

Provided budgeted funds are available, the City may allow 50% reimbursement, or up to \$500, whichever is less, (or, if corner lots with work on both frontages, 50% of cost up to \$1,000) for the removal and replacement of sidewalks that qualify as a defective sidewalk as outlined in the Martinez City Municipal Code. In lieu of reimbursement, the City offers removal and disposal of concrete depending on availability of crews.

Inspected by: _____ **Date:** _____

Recommendations:

By signing below, you agree and accept the City of Martinez's recommendations for your sidewalk.

Applicants Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Follow up inspection/approval to pay: _____, Inspector.