



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** Policy on the Repair/Replacement of Sidewalks

**Background:** The City received complaints from residents regarding potential trip hazards on city sidewalks. According to the Municipal Code, under the Residential Minimum Maintenance Code, Section 10-152 (e): Sidewalks and driveways. All paved surfaces, including sidewalks, walkways, driveways, driveway aprons, and parking spaces, whether located in the right-of-way or private property, shall be kept in a proper state of repair and free of hazardous conditions, such as, but not limited to, cracks or uneven surfaces that create a tripping hazard. This section of the code was adopted in 2008; however, it was not enforced by the City. The City public works department has been repairing or replacing sidewalks for many years.

The City repaired sidewalks on a complaint driven basis and has no proactive program of inspection and repair/replacement in place. Based on the City Council directive to have the staff provide the Council with information on the sidewalk program, the staff is presenting a program and policy on sidewalk inspections. This program includes driveway aprons.

The questions are:

1. Who will be responsible for repairing/replacing the sidewalks after inspections are done?
2. Who is responsible for funding the repairs/replacement?
3. Can the City require adjacent property owners to maintain the sidewalks (legitimacy of Ordinance 08-06)

**Staff Recommendation:** Adopt the sidewalk policy

**Suggested Motion:** I move that we adopt the Policy on the Repair/Replacement of Sidewalks.

**Alternatives:** Make changes to the policy

**Fiscal Impact:** TBD (FY21-22 Budget is \$125,000 for sidewalks)

**Attachments:** Policy