

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: April 28, 2026

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

Topic: Contract Renewal – Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding or Trip Hazards

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting that the Board renew the contract for the Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding of Trip Hazards with Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC of Girard, OH, at the same unit cost of \$38.82, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000. This will allow the Village to continue the Sidewalk Survey and efficiently address approximately 1,932 trip hazard locations, improving pedestrian safety and reducing liability.

PROCESS

Trip hazards on Village-owned sidewalks were identified in the Village-wide Sidewalk Survey which is completed every three (3) years; most recently in 2023. Staff has identified approximately 12,500 trip hazards on Village-owned sidewalks. The repair of these trip hazards using traditional concrete removal and replacement methods would cost an estimated \$3.9 million; therefore, a more cost-effective solution is needed to effectively manage public safety and reduce liability.

In 2025, the Board awarded a contract to Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC to inspect Village sidewalks and repair trip hazards. The work involves identifying uneven sidewalk sections—where one slab has shifted higher than the next—and fixing them using saw-cutting or grinding. Saw-cutting removes small, precise sections of concrete at raised edges, and grinding smooths the surface so the height difference is eliminated and the sidewalk is level and safe to walk on. Saw-cutting or grinding of trip hazards can be completed at a fraction of the cost of conventional concrete removal and replacement methods, is more efficient, and far less intrusive.

The original contract included an option to renew for one additional year after successful completion of the 2025 work. Renewing allows the Village to continue addressing remaining sidewalk trip hazards at a much lower cost than full sidewalk replacement, while improving pedestrian safety and reducing the risk of trips, falls, and liability claims.

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Contracting Firm	UNIT PRICE
Universal Concrete Grinding, Girard, Ohio	<i>Per Cut/ Grind</i>
Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding of Trip Hazards Full Width (0.5) inches to (2.0) inches Vertical Displacement	\$38.82/EACH



Note: Over time, the color of the ground areas will naturally blend with the surrounding sidewalk as a result of weathering and exposure to the elements.

Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC has submitted a letter requesting renewal of its contract with the Village for the 2026–2027 budget year, confirming that unit pricing will remain the same as in the 2025–2026 award. Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC is certified to perform this type of work and the Department of Public Works was satisfied with their performance in 2025.

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OUTCOME

The saw-cutting and grinding method continues to be a cost-effective approach for addressing sidewalk trip hazards by leveling uneven concrete slabs and improving overall walking safety without the need for full sidewalk replacement. This approach allows the Village to efficiently maintain sidewalks, improve pedestrian safety, and reduce potential liability at a significantly lower cost.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Fund
- **FY 2026-2027 Budgeted Amount:** \$75,000
- **Cost:** Not to exceed \$75,000

LEGAL REVIEW

Not Required

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the Village President to renew the 2025-2026 Sidewalk Survey and Saw-Cutting or Grinding or Trips Hazards contract with Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC for the unit price of \$38.82 per cut or grind, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, subject to Board approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Village budget.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Renewal letter from Universal Concrete Grinding, LLC