



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Sidewalk Replacement Cost Participation Policy.
Background Information:	<p>In 2012, the City began participating in private sidewalk replacement costs under the current policy. Most recently, the program has been funded with \$10,000 of yearly allocation through the Street Department budget. Under the current policy, the City participates with the replacement cost of private sidewalk work with a 50/50 cost match up to \$500 of City contribution. The only stipulation is that the work must be ADA-compliant, a Sidewalk Permit must be acquired at a cost of \$50, and the sidewalk must be parallel to a city street and serve the general public. The program is well used as most concrete installers make their clients aware of the program.</p> <p>City staff would like to amend the current policy to increase the City's participatory amount to \$750 and adjust the City's level of cost participation to be simpler and easier to justify our cost involvement. The current policy reimburses in a 50/50 manner, regardless of unit price of the work being completed. Staff would propose that the City participate by paying \$2.50 per square foot of sidewalk being replaced. For example, if a property owner replaces 50-FT of 5-ft wide sidewalk, the City would participate by paying \$625 toward this work.</p> <p>By participating in this manner, we eliminate the opportunity to over-participate for higher priced work and we avoid having to argue with a property owner about what the cost of the work should be. Other policy amendments put a limit on how much one beneficiary of the policy may seek in one calendar year to help ensure that funds are available for all who hope to utilize the program.</p> <p>At the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee meeting on January 8, 2021, LOZINSKI MADE A MOTION to recommend approval to the City Council of the Sidewalk Replacement Cost Participation Policy providing \$2.50/SF City participation with proposed caps as presented, SECONDED BY LABAT. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED 3:0.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	The cost participation is included as a line item in the Street Department budget. Utilization of these funds in excess of the budgeted amount will require potential budget adjustment as necessary.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council approve the Sidewalk Replacement Cost Participation Policy as Chapter 4 – Section 4 (4-401) to the Administrative Policy.