

City of Marshall

Policy Number: Chapter 4 – Section 4 (4-401)

Marshall, Minnesota

Adopted:

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

Revised:

## **SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT COST PARTICIPATION POLICY**

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to financially participate and incentive ADA-compliant sidewalk improvements in City of Marshall right of way. Sidewalks promote walking, accessibility, and improve pedestrian safety. Continuous and accessible sidewalk networks improve mobility for all pedestrians and are particularly important for pedestrians with disabilities.

### II. POLICY

The City of Marshall will set aside an amount each year for a program for the replacement of sidewalks throughout the City for participation with property owners (residential, commercial and industrial) that would like to have their sidewalks replaced.

The program will operate as follows:

- A. The owner of the property must apply for a permit for the replacement of any or all of their sidewalk. A permit must be obtained for each property address where reimbursement is desired.
- B. The City will inspect the property and verify the replacement is necessary.
- C. The replacement would be on a first come, first served basis until the designated City funds are depleted on an annual basis.
- D. The City will participate by offering \$2.50 per square foot of sidewalk replacement, up to a maximum of \$750 per property address per year. One beneficiary shall be limited to \$2,250 of cost participation per year. This effectively limits an owner of multiple properties to three (3) maximum participation projects at three (3) separate properties. The purpose of this provision is to ensure that any one individual does not deplete the yearly allocation of funds, thereby limiting opportunity for other property owners.
- E. Private sidewalk is not eligible for reimbursement. Private sidewalk includes, but may not be limited to, sidewalk between curb and mainline sidewalk, sidewalk from mainline sidewalk leading into private property, other sidewalk that is located on private property.
- F. Costs will be reimbursed by the City to the property owner after the property owner receives a “passing” inspection from City Engineering Department staff and makes a request to the City Public Works Department for reimbursement.
- G. All work shall be constructed in accordance with the City’s specifications and must meet all applicable ADA-compliance requirements. The City cost participation will not include transition panels needed to match existing and adjacent sidewalk. For example, if the work is a spot replacement that must match existing non-compliant sidewalk on one or both ends, the City cost participation will only include the portions of walk that are ADA-compliant.

III. SUMMARY:

This policy is designed to provide a simple and efficient process for participating in property-owner sidewalk improvements. The policy very clearly identifies city cost participation by the linear foot with a maximum city contribution per parcel, per year. City Engineering staff may simply and cost-effectively administer the sidewalk replacement program by adhering to this policy.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Marshall, this \_\_\_\_ day, of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

THE COMMON COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Mayor of the City of Marshall, MN

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City Clerk