

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-____R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO ANNUAL SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND SAFE STEP SIDEWALK PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Village of Winnebago (“Village”) is responsible for maintaining public sidewalks to ensure safe, accessible, and ADA-compliant pedestrian infrastructure throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village has historically appropriated and expended approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) annually for sidewalk repair, replacement, and maintenance activities through its Capital Improvement Program and Public Works operations; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2024, the Village implemented a targeted sidewalk evaluation and repair program utilizing Safe Step LLC (“Safe Step”) to strategically identify hazardous sidewalk panels, prioritize repairs, and maximize the number of panels addressed within available funding; and

WHEREAS, Safe Step has provided evaluation, documentation, and repair prioritization services utilizing established defect identification criteria and reporting tools, resulting in additional sidewalk panels repaired beyond traditional replacement methods and improved efficiency in maintaining sidewalk infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Village has utilized the Safe Step program to focus repairs in designated priority areas, starting with Resh Farms Subdivision, with approximately Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) annually allocated toward Safe Step repairs as part of the Village’s broader sidewalk program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that the continuation of the Safe Step program and targeted sidewalk repair approach provides an effective framework for maintaining sidewalk infrastructure, prioritizing hazardous conditions, and ensuring efficient use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village anticipates completion of the Resh Farms Subdivision Safe Step sidewalk repairs during the 2026 program year, marking the completion of a multi-year targeted effort; and

WHEREAS, the Village further intends to coordinate sidewalk replacement and installation activities in conjunction with planned infrastructure improvements, including the Swift Street Water Main Replacement and Street Improvements project, which includes roadway improvements and ADA-compliant sidewalk construction along Swift Street; and

WHEREAS, the Village anticipates allocating approximately Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of the annual sidewalk program budget toward sidewalk replacement and installation associated with the Swift Street corridor improvements in order to maximize efficiency and coordination with planned infrastructure work; and

WHEREAS, the remaining sidewalk program funds shall be utilized by the Village to perform sidewalk repairs and replacements consistent with the Safe Step evaluation framework, Public Works inspections, resident reports, and identification of hazardous pedestrian conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that authorizing the Director of Public Works to implement and administer the sidewalk program in accordance with the Safe Step evaluation framework and Village priorities is necessary and appropriate to ensure timely completion of sidewalk improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION I: APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK PROGRAM

The Village Board hereby approves the continuation and implementation of the Village of Winnebago Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program, including the Safe Step sidewalk evaluation and repair program, substantially in accordance with the Safe Step Executive Summary attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

SECTION II: AUTHORIZATION OF SAFE STEP PROGRAM FUNDING

The Village Board hereby authorizes the allocation of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) during the 2026 sidewalk program year for Safe Step sidewalk evaluation, saw-cutting, and repair services as part of the Village's overall sidewalk program.

SECTION III: AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to implement and administer the Annual Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program, including:

- A. Coordinating Safe Step sidewalk evaluation and repair services;
- B. Completing the targeted Safe Step sidewalk repairs within the Resh Farms Subdivision;
- C. Coordinating sidewalk replacement and installation associated with the Swift Street Water Main Replacement and Street Improvements project;
- D. Utilizing remaining sidewalk program funds to repair or replace sidewalk panels identified through Safe Step evaluation, Public Works inspection, resident reports, or other identified hazardous conditions; and
- E. Making discretionary determinations regarding repair prioritization, repair methods, and program implementation consistent with the Safe Step framework and Village operational priorities.

SECTION IV: PROGRAM FUNDING AND COORDINATION

The Village Board hereby affirms its intent to allocate approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) in 2026 toward sidewalk repair and replacement, including coordination with capital infrastructure projects to maximize efficiency and ensure safe pedestrian infrastructure throughout the Village.

SECTION V: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of January 2026.

APPROVED:

Franklin J. Eubank, Jr., President of the Board
of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago, Illinois

ATTEST:

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

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