

## **SIDEWALK REPAIR POLICY**

There are an estimated 50 miles of sidewalks within Castle Hills and increasing every year. In years past, District 1-A has maintained a list of sidewalks in need of repair. Such list had a “grading” system such that those that represent the greatest “trip hazard” were scheduled to be repaired or replaced within the following fiscal year. Many residents are frustrated because they, of course, think the sidewalk in front of their own house should rate a higher priority and be replaced at no cost to the homeowner. In fact, the sidewalks in front of homes are installed by the homebuilder and not the District and, as in most cities, are the sole responsibility of the homeowner.

Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A implemented changes to the sidewalk repair and rehabilitation program of past years. Simple and measurable criteria are used for District paid repairs while a Matching Grant program, used successfully in other municipalities, was adopted as a Pilot Program for District 1-A. Both were implemented at the beginning of fiscal year 2015-16.

Under the Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program, District 1-A Public Works repairs those sections of sidewalks where District staff has determined potentially unsafe condition and quantifies that a trip hazard exists. A trip hazard is generally defined as:

- A vertical displacement that exceeds 1-1/2 inches
- A crack that exceeds 1 inch in width

Depending on the extent of the damage, repairs may be made by grinding the concrete at breaks or replacing only the panels causing a trip hazard. Damages to sidewalks that are the result of vehicular traffic, including driveway approaches, are the responsibility of the property owner.

To report an unsafe sidewalk, please call Public Works at 972-899 -9745.

## **MATCHING GRANT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

District 1-A has initiated a Matching Grant Sidewalk Replacement Program (the “MGSRP”) to provide an opportunity for citizens to participate financially to expedite sidewalk repairs or replacement of eligible sidewalks. Only sidewalks in single-family neighborhoods, located on a lot occupied by a single-family home, will be eligible for participation in the program.

If you would like to participate in this program, please read and complete the bottom portion of the Participation Request Form and mail it to the address listed, fax it to 972-899-9336, or drop the form by the District office.

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## MATCHING GRANT SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT REQUEST

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District financial participation is limited to removal and replacement of only that portion of the sidewalk parallel to the public street, a standard-width section of sidewalk that connects to the public street, and if necessary, one standard (not brick or exposed aggregate) width panel of lead walk to connect the public sidewalk with the lead walk. The lead walk, which is that portion of the sidewalk that connects the public sidewalk to the house will be solely the property owner's responsibility, and will not be eligible for use of matching grant funding.

Repair of damaged irrigation systems, replacement of sod or landscaping, leveling or replacement of soil, etc., which are not the direct result of the sidewalk replacement project, are not eligible for program-funded reimbursement.

Full payment from the property owner for their share of the sidewalk replacement will be due upon application approval. A formal performance agreement between the District and property owner will be required to establish the conditions of the repair.

For sidewalks that meet the criteria for participation, the cost borne by the resident will be fifty percent (50%) of the current market price per square foot of sidewalk. The market price may be adjusted for fluctuations in material and labor costs without notice.

Example: Five feet (5') of removed and replaced sidewalk multiplied by the typical sidewalk width of five feet (5') equals 25 sq. ft. of sidewalk area per "panel". The residents share of the market price per panel to remove and replace would be half of \$250 (or \$125) if the current market price per square foot was \$10.00 per square foot.

If you would like to participate in this pilot program, please complete and submit the form below.

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### MGSRP REQUEST FORM

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Homeowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lewisville, Texas 75056

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_