

# What is the Sidewalk Program?

The City of Powell Engineering Department inspects sidewalks each year in order to protect the health, safety and well-being of the residents through the annual Sidewalk Program. It is the responsibility of abutting property owners to maintain sidewalks along their property. If the City identifies a sidewalk in need of repair, the abutting property owner will receive notification of the repairs needed and an estimated cost. Residents can choose to opt-in or opt-out of the City's program.

## How does the City select certain sidewalks for repair?

Review the "Inspection Criteria" under Chapter 905.04.

#### What happens if residents opt-out of the City program?

Residents that wish to opt-out of the City's program must notify the City within 45 days of the date of the notice sent by the City. They must include the name of the contractor so the City can register the contractor and examine the contracter's licensing. Additionally, owners must identify the proposed method of construction, repair or replacement so that the City may determine if this meets the requirements. Construction must be completed within 60 days from the date that the City receives the opt-out notice.

## What happens if residents opt-in to the City's program?

The work is typically completed within the summer months. In the fall, residents will receive a final bill and an invitation to attend a City Council meeting to present any concerns they may have with the repairs completed or cost.

Residents can either pay the full amount or the balance will be assessed into property taxes over a five-year period with a five-percent interest rate.

# What happens if a resident moves during the Sidewalk Program?

Carefully read the "Mandatory Disclosure" under Chapter 905.071.

#### **Questions?**

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