Cost Share

The City Commission approved a FY 2007 appropriation of $10,000 for residential and $20,000 for commercial sidewalk connection or replacement. The City will share in 50% of sidewalk projects with the responsible landowner paying 50% of the project cost.

Eligibility Projects

- Replacement projects must replace existing sidewalks that are in poor or very poor condition.
- Connection projects must extend or fill in the gap between two existing sidewalks.
- A sidewalk connection and replacement program application must be completed and filed with the Community Development Department.
- The property owner must sign and date the application form.

Application

Applications are available at the Community Development Department or on the City's website.

Phone: (785) 263-2355
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Website: www.abilenecityhall.com

CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

City of Abilene
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SIDEWALK CONNECTION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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Purpose

The sidewalk connection and replacement program accomplishes a number of public purposes that protect the public health, safety and general welfare. Among these include:

- Improve pedestrian and child safety;
- Promote walking as a means of transportation and exercise;
- Reduce the sidewalk maintenance costs incurred by property owners;
- Beautify neighborhood streetscapes;
- Define the edge of the public right-of-way;
- Reduces property owner liability;
- Improve public spaces for people to interact; and
- Improves the value of adjacent property.

Procedure

- ❑ Obtain and file an application;
- ❑ City inspector will conduct an on-site visit to evaluate the condition and amount of sidewalk needed;
- ❑ City inspector approves the application;
- ❑ Property owner contacts qualified/city approved contractor;
- ❑ Contractor completes the project and submits an invoice to the City and property owner;
- ❑ City and property owner pays the contractor their share of the project cost.

Common Questions

Q: When may I apply for the sidewalk connection and replacement program?

A: You may apply at any time.

(Common Questions – continued)

Q: Can I repair the sidewalk myself?

A: If you can demonstrate that you or someone you are having replace your sidewalk is competent to complete the work, you may have it done yourself. However, the City will only cost share on the materials and receipts must be produced.

Q: What if funding runs out?

A: If funds are not immediately available, your application will be placed on a waiting list until funding is available. The waiting list is established on a "first come first serve" basis.

Q: If I pay for the sidewalk, will the City reimburse me?

A: If you paid to have a sidewalk installed prior to submitting an approved program application, you **will not** be reimbursed. Program procedure must be followed for the City to partially fund the project.

Q: Can the program be used to rehabilitate brick sidewalks?

A: Yes, the maximum amount the City will fund applies to both concrete and brick projects.