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2026 RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROGRAM

Sidewalks in Cincinnati are to be maintained in good condition by the abutting property owner per the Cincinnati Municipal Code, Chapter 721.

The purpose of this pilot program is to assist owner-occupied residential zoned properties with needed sidewalk repairs. Priority will be given by condition rating and location in City identified underserved neighborhoods.

Sidewalk repair requests entered through the existing Customer Service Request Program, 311Cincy, will be inspected by the Sidewalk Safety Program and rated for condition severity and need. Severely condemned sidewalk in need of EMERGENCY repair will be funded through this program, as determined by The Department of Transportation and Engineering, until the available funds allocated for each funding cycle are expended.

Sidewalk Rating Scale as determined by DOTE inspection:

1. Good – Minor or no repair necessary.
2. Fair – Condition may warrant some repair or notice to the adjacent property owner of future needed repairs.
3. Condemned – Severely condemned sidewalk in need of EMERGENCY repair, which is defined as impassable or hazardous for all users and meets the following criteria:

- Blocks, or portions thereof, having an edge that differs vertically by 2.5" or more from the adjacent sidewalk or top of curb surface, which, in the opinion of the City Engineer's representative, presents a safety hazard to the public.
- Blocks adjacent to condemned blocks, which, if left in place, would require the replaced block to be constructed at an improper grade.
- Blocks, which are severely spalled or holed with loose or missing aggregate, show signs of rapid deterioration.
- Sidewalk and driveway blocks which, in the opinion of the City's Sidewalk inspector, present a safety hazard to the public.

Similar to the Residential Sidewalk Repair Program done in 2025, DOTE has identified up to two (2) significant nearby underserved neighborhoods located on the eastern side of the city in police district 4. These neighborhoods are Avondale and Roselawn. The 2026 Residential Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program will identify, assess, and repair hazardous sidewalk throughout the identified neighborhoods that are submitted through the Customer Service Request Program, 311Cincy until the funds are expended. If all hazardous sidewalk conditions, in the identified Neighborhoods, are repaired and additional funding remains available, then the program will expand to the adjacent underserved neighborhoods until funds are exhausted. The Pilot Program will not maintain a list of future repairs and once available funds are exhausted, individual property owners will be responsible for repairs following the regular program process.

Location Criteria to Qualify

CSR investigation criteria to ADD repairs to 2026 Sidewalk Repair Pilot Program:

- In Pilot Neighborhood? Yes
- Considered severely condemned, in need of EMERGENCY repairs? Yes
- Zoned Residential Mixed (RMX)? Yes
- Owner occupies residence? Yes