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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
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We need the following to process your appeal: CITY CLERK

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number # 950436 / # 3753)
 - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
 - Attachments you may wish to include
 - This appeal form completed
 - Walk-In OR Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: Email OR Fax

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| HEARING DATE & TIME (provided by Legislative Hearing Office) Tuesday, <u>NOV. 5, 2019</u> Time <u>11:00 A.M.</u> Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse |
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Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 924 Eleanor Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55102

Appellant/Applicant: Kristin Sobota Email: kristinsobota@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-849-9264

Signature:  Date: 10-17-19

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why? *Attachments Are Acceptable*

- Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O
- Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)
File#: 19-089508 Correction Notice

Comments:
 924 Eleanor Ave is a newer home constructed in 2015 with a permit issued by the City of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections. The drainage systems and gutters were currently in place when 924 Eleanor received a Certificate of Occupancy form the City of St Paul dated 11/6/15. Please review CO dated 11/6/15, red-lined, stamped & approved construction page for drainage to public way, gutter receipt, Response to File #19-089508, SPLC 34.08 (2) & St Paul Sidewalk FAQs.

** Email Response*



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
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Facsimile: 651-266-9124
Web: www.stpaul.gov/dsj

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- Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb xwb.
- Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

October 10, 2019

Kristin Sobota
924 Eleanor Ave
St Paul MN 55102-4009

CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: **October 10, 2019**
RE: **924 ELEANOR AVE**
File #: **19-089508**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **October 10, 2019** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code¹ (see footnote 1, below).

1. SPLC 34.08 (2) **DRAINAGE:** Please re-direct your drainage away from the public sidewalk/street. Your current direction is causing a nuisance and you are not authorized to have discharge to any street, sidewalk, alley or right-of-way. This interferes or renders dangerous for passage on the public sidewalk, street, or alley. You may contact Public Works at 651-266-6128 for an encroachment permit if needed.

STORMWATER DISCHARGE MUST BE DIRECTED ONTO YOUR PROPERTY TO ALLOW FOR ABSORPTION AND PREVENT RUNOFF. PLEASE RELOCATE THE DOWNSPOUT DISCHARGE ON THE SIDE OF THE PROPERTY TO STOP THE FLOW ACROSS THE CITY SIDEWALK. THANK YOU.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The Enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **October 17, 2019**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. **Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in the issuance of criminal charges²** and/or a civil lawsuit, and possible abatement/assessment by the City. All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permits may be obtained by calling 651-266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk at 651-266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions or request additional information, please contact me. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to me at 651-266-9141.

Sincerely,

**Richard Kedrowski
Badge # 320**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Footnotes:

- ¹ To see the Legislative Code go to www.stpaul.gov on the internet, click on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.
- ² Criminal charges can be brought on the day the violation is observed, but generally we allow time to correct unless this is a repeat violation.

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WARNING: Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection for compliance after the due date will be collected from the owner rather than being paid for by the taxpayers of the City. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid for by the taxpayers of the City. Any such future costs will be collected via assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

Response to File #19-089508 & Request for Sidewalk Back-Pitch Repair/Replacement

Kristin Sobota <kristinsobota@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 15, 2019 at 11:08 PM

To: richard.kedrowski@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Cc: Home <rogerwolff@comcast.net>

Hi Richard;

I am requesting that File #19-089508 and this correction notice be rescinded, and that the sidewalks be repaired and replaced for proper drainage.

Attached to this email are the following:

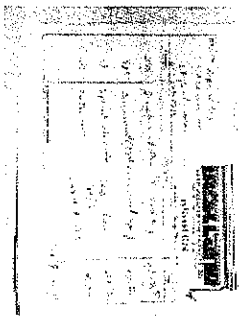
- File # 19-089508
- My letter in response to receiving File #19-089508
- Sidewalk FAQs from the City of St Paul Website
- 924 Eleanor Ave Certificate of Occupancy
- 924 Eleanor Ave Permit Set that was approved (including approved drainage)
- Gutter Invoice showing that the System was installed before the Final Inspection for Certificate of Occupancy

The letter discusses the request for File #19-089508 Rescission, and the request for sidewalk back-pitch repair/replacement.

Respectfully;

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Kristin Sobota
651-699-4796 home
612-849-9264 mobile

6 attachments



924 Eleanor Gutter Invoice.jpg
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Kristin Sobota <kristinsobota@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 17, 2019 at 9:13 AM

To: "richard.kedrowski@ci.stpaul.mn.us" <richard.kedrowski@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Cc: Home <rogerwolff@comcast.net>

Good Morning;

Due to the timeframe.

Can you please confirm that you have received this email?

Respectfully;

Kristin Sobota
651-699-4796 home
612-849-9264 mobile

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kristin Sobota** <kristinsobota@gmail.com>

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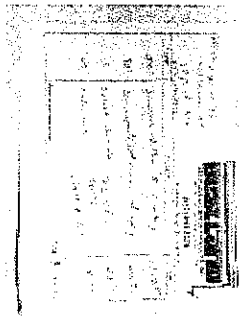
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October 15, 2019

Richard Kedrowski
City of St Paul
375 Jackson St, Suite 220
St Paul, MN 55101

RE: Request for Rescission of File #19-089508, and request for Sidewalk Back-Pitch Correction & Repair

Mr. Kedrowski,

Thank you for returning my phone call from 10/14/2019 this morning. Much appreciated.

This letter is in regards to correction notice File #19-089508 for the address 924 Eleanor Avenue that is a newer home constructed in 2015 with a permit issued by the City of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections.

I am requesting that File #19-089508 and this correction notice be rescinded.

In addition, I am also requesting that the sidewalks be repaired and replaced for proper drainage because many sections of the sidewalks close to 924 Eleanor are back-pitched and do not properly drain.

Below is a City of St Paul website link with information regarding sidewalk pitch.

- City of St Paul website <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sidewalk-faqs> states: ***In some cases, it may be necessary to replace sidewalk panels that appear to be in good condition in order to re-establish the sidewalk grade or to maintain proper drainage.***

Below is a City of St Paul Code of Ordinance

- SPLC 34.08 (2) states: *"All premises shall be graded and maintained so as to drain water away from structures and minimize the accumulation of water on such premises."* 924 Eleanor Avenue was designed to comply with SPLC 34.08. (Attached)

Please review the attached documentation of the permitting information, construction and Certificate of Occupancy Approval for 924 Eleanor Avenue:

- Red-lined reviewed and approved construction documents the City of St Paul approved. On the first page of these plans, third stamped box down from the upper left corner states: *Alterations to existing topography shall provide drainage on-site to the public way.* Being the Department of Safety and Inspections inspected and approved all of the drainage systems as installed in 2015, I believe I have met the city requirements for grading and drainage.

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- Certificate of Occupancy form the City of St Paul dated 11/6/15 that states:
"The above described building or portion of the building has been inspected and is in compliance with applicable code requirements for the occupancy classification and use listed above."
- Copy of the rain gutter invoice paid in full on 9/28/15 with Check #7371 to demonstrate that the rain gutter downspouts were installed prior to receiving a Certificate of Occupancy on 11/6/15.
- Copy of the City of St Paul Sidewalk FAQs from the website

It's important to also note that during the plumbing final, the plumbing inspector requested that a 45 degree fitting be added to the sump discharge pipe in order to slow/disperse the flow of water towards the sidewalk. We complied with this request.

In short, the drainage systems that are in place now were installed under the building permit and approved by the Department of Safety and Inspections.

As such, I am requesting that that File #19-089508 and this correction notice be rescinded.

I am also requesting that the City of St Paul have the sidewalk back-pitch issues and deficiencies corrected.

If File #19-089508 and this correction notice are not to be rescinded I intend to appeal this notice.

Respectfully;

Kristin Sobota
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Sec. 34.08. - Exterior property areas on residential properties.

The owner of any premises or structure regulated by this section, as specified in section 34.03, shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) *Sanitation*. All exterior property areas shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of garbage, mixed municipal solid waste, animal feces or refuse.
- (2) *Grading and drainage*. All premises shall be graded and maintained so as to drain water away from structures and minimize the accumulation of water on such premises.
- (3) *Ground cover*. Every residential premises shall be maintained in a condition to control erosion, dust and mud by suitable landscaping with grass, trees, shrubs or other planted ground cover, or by suitable paving or by other means as shall be approved by the enforcement officer.
- (4) *Insect and rodent infestations*. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to control and/or eliminate any infestation of insects, rodents or other pests in all exterior areas and accessory structures on the premises.
- (5) *Accessory structures*. All accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds and fences, shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair and maintained structurally sound. All exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by paint which is not lead-based paint or by other protective covering or treatment. Service doors to accessory structures shall be provided with securing locks.
- (6) *Stored materials*. It shall be unlawful to accumulate and store building material, lumber, boxes, cartons, portable storage containers, inter modal cargo containers or other containers, machinery, scrap metal, junk, raw material, or fabricated goods.
- (7) *Parked or stored vehicles*. All existing parking spaces shall consist of asphalt, concrete, gravel, rock, or other durable and dustless surfaces. Existing parking surfaces must be maintained in a professional state of repair and may be maintained with like materials without additional approval from the city. Existing parking surfaces must be contained to eliminate migration onto other adjacent surfaces and must be clearly delineated. In all residential districts, off street parking shall not be located within any front yard or non-interior side yard. Before any existing parking spaces or driveways may be expanded upon, site plan approval must be obtained as specified in the Saint Paul Zoning Code and the lot must be developed in conformance with such approval.
- (8) *Refrigerators and accessible containers*. It shall be unlawful to permit a refrigerator or other container, sufficiently large to retain a child and with doors which fasten automatically when closed, to be exposed and accessible to children without removing

the doors, lids, hinges or latches.

- (9) *Exterior lighting.* Exterior lighting at garages and surface parking areas of buildings containing three (3) or more dwelling units shall be illuminated to a level to allow safe, secure access to the parking facility and within it. Exterior lighting shall be in conformance with city ordinances and codes.
- (10) *Exterior sidewalks, walkways and stairs.* All sidewalks, walkways and exterior stairs shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair, free of defects and hazards.
- (11) *Outdoor swimming pools.* All outdoor swimming pools, in use or temporarily out of use, shall be maintained and secured as defined in section 34.08(12).
- a. Out-of-service outdoor swimming pool. Any outdoor swimming pool not in use for more than one (1) year shall be free of stagnant water, free of debris, and secured as defined in section 34.08(12).
 - b. Nuisance outdoor swimming pool. Any outdoor swimming pool that has stagnant water, lacks maintenance such as damaged sides, broken ladders, missing or damaged equipment, or is out of service for two (2) years, and/or is not secured as defined in section 34.08(12) is subject to abatement under chapter 45 of the St. Paul Municipal Code.
- (12) *Outdoor swimming pool fencing.*
- a. All yards of one- and two-family structures containing outdoor swimming pools shall be enclosed by an obscuring fence or wall not less than four (4) feet in height, maintained in a professional state of maintenance or repair, and shall be constructed such that no openings, holes or gaps in the fence or wall exceed four (4) inches in any dimension except for openings protected by a door or gate. All yards of residential structures of three (3) or more units and commercial structures containing outdoor swimming pools shall be enclosed by an obscuring fence not less than five (5) feet in height, maintained in a professional state of maintenance or repair, and shall be constructed such that no openings, holes or gaps in the fence or wall exceed four (4) inches in any dimension except for openings protected by a door or gate. Sidewalls greater than four (4) or five (5) feet in height on an above ground outdoor swimming pool are not a substitute for the appropriate fence or wall. The gates shall be of a self-closing and self-latching type, with the latch on the inside of the gate, not readily available for children to open. Gates shall be capable of being securely locked when the outdoor swimming pool is not in use.

(C.F. No. 05-740, § 1, 9-14-05; C.F. No. 09-137, § 1, 2-25-09; Ord 15-49, § 1, 10-14-15; Ord 16-58, § 1, 1-4-17)



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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November 6, 2015

ROGER WOLFF
1202 CLEVELAND
ST PAUL MN 55116
USA

Certificate of Occupancy

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Property Address | 924 ELEANOR AVE - NEW SFD | | |
| Property Owner | ROGER WOLFF | | |
| Owner's Address | 1202 CLEVELAND ST PAUL MN 55116 USA | | |
| Use of Building | SFD | | |
| Automatic Sprinkler | No | | |
| Building Permit # | 15 022490 | Occupancy Classification | IRC-1 |
| Construction Type | .V-B | Applicable Building Code | 2007 MSBC |
| If occupancy is restricted, in the box to the right, describe the portion of the building approved for occupancy or any conditions limiting use of the building: | | | |

To Whom It May Concern:

The above described building or portion of building has been inspected and is in compliance with applicable code requirements for the occupancy classification and use listed above.

All commercial - industrial buildings, all multi-family dwellings of three units or more and all non-owner occupied one and two family dwellings also require a Fire Certificate of Occupancy issued by the DSI-Fire Safety Inspection Division. When required, the Fire Certificate of Occupancy has been issued concurrent with this Building Official's Certificate of Occupancy. Inspections for the required renewal of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy will occur on a schedule established by the Fire Safety Inspection Division.

Sincerely,

An Equal Opportunity Employer



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Steve J. Ubl

Steve J. Ubl
Building Official

9-22-2015

SOLD TO:

Roger Wolff
934 Eleanor Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.
651-699-4796

BESTLAND
BESTLAND ALUMINUM PRODUCTS, INC.
SPECIALIZING IN SEAMLESS GUTTERS

P.O. Box 182 • Savage, Minnesota 55378

(952) 894-5376

| Footage | Description | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 290' | Seamless gutter '5"' (white) | 1,377. ⁵⁰ |
| 90' | Downspout (3x4 Commercial Size) | 405. ⁰⁰ |
| 3 | Splash Guards | 22. ⁵⁰ |
| 20' | Extension | 40. ⁰⁰ |
| Payment due upon receipt | | Total \$1,845. ⁰⁰ |

PAID IN FULL
9/28/15
CHECK # 7371

Reviewed plans must remain on job site until final inspection approval.

Separate permits required for all trade work. Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Warm Air...etc.

Roger Wolff & Kristin Sobota
924 Eleanor Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102

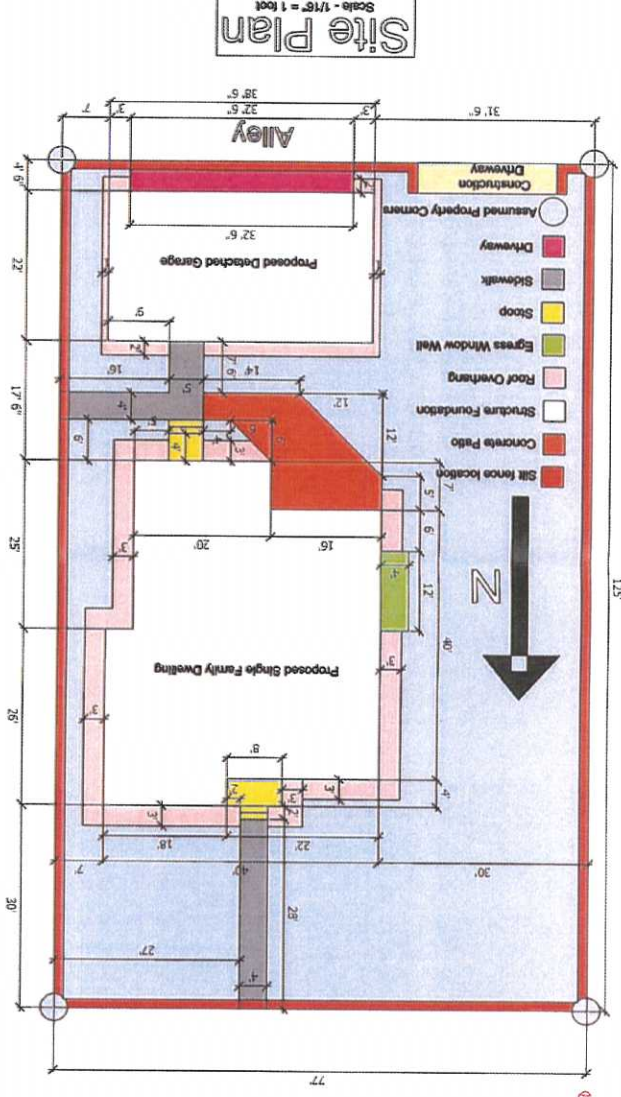
Milton Street

EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL
 ALL EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE INSTALLED PER APPROVED SITE PLAN & SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR PRIOR TO EXCAVATION. CONTROL DEVICES SHALL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT.

CONTRACTORS/OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING EROSION & RUN-OFF DURING CONSTRUCTION & UNTIL LANDSCAPING IS STABILIZED.

ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY SHALL PROVIDE DRAINAGE ON-SITE TO THE PUBLIC WAY.

Eleanor Avenue



Site Plan
 Scale - 1/16" = 1 foot

Zoned R4 SFD

| SETBACKS: | MIN | ACTUAL |
|-----------|-----|--------|
| FRONT | 25 | 30 |
| REAR | 35 | 44 |
| SIDE | 4 | 7, 30 |

LOT SIZE: $77 \times 125 = 9625 \text{ sq ft} \times 35\% = 3369 \text{ sq ft}$ Allowed
 HOUSE SIZE: $18 \times 26 = 468 \text{ sq ft}$
 $22 \times 40 = 880 \text{ sq ft}$
 $25 \times 14 = 350 \text{ sq ft}$
 $6 \times 5 = 30 \text{ sq ft}$
 TOTAL ACTUAL HOUSE SIZE: 1718 sq ft
 (GARAGE YARD): $44 \times 77 = 3388 \text{ sq ft} \times 35\% = 1186 \text{ sq ft}$ Allowed
 (1000 sq ft max)
 GARAGE SIZE: $38.5 \times 22 = 847 \text{ sq ft}$ ACTUAL

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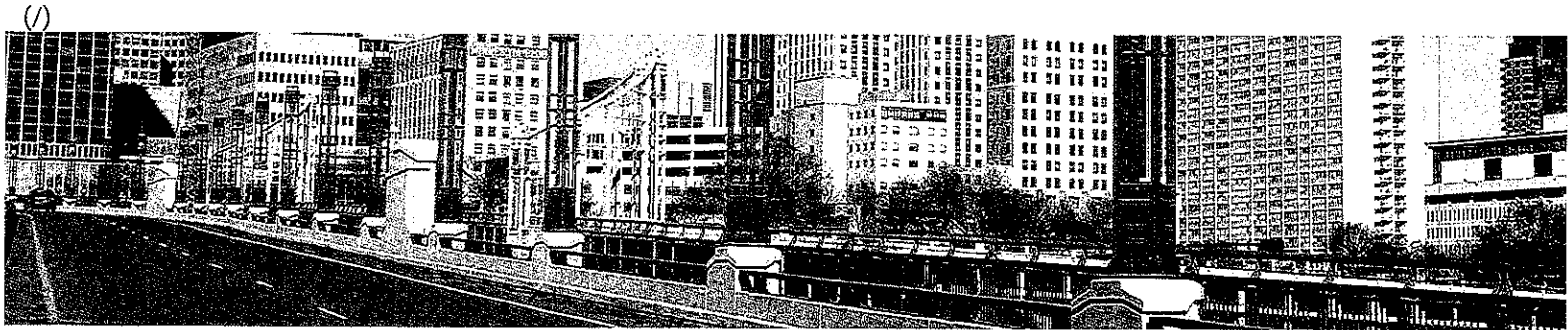
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Sidewalk FAQs

How are sidewalk reconstruction sites selected?

Repair locations can come from several sources. These include requests from property owners, the mayor's office, City Council, District Councils, injury/accident sites, and our proactive inspection program. Each year, the Sidewalk Section reviews all requests and determines which locations will be added to the sidewalk 5-year construction program. Determinations are made based upon severity of the damaged sidewalk, location to other potential sites, and funding. Due to the amount of requests and the annual sidewalk budget, only a fraction of the locations can be addressed each year.

What are the criteria for sidewalk replacement?

Sidewalk panels to be replaced are those that are broken, uneven, settled, heaved, or deteriorating. The sidewalk inspector determines which panels are in need of replacement. Replacement could be a single panel or reconstructing the entire length of the block. In some cases, it may be necessary to replace sidewalk panels that appear to be in good condition in order to re-establish the sidewalk grade or to maintain proper drainage.

How do I know if my sidewalk is scheduled for reconstruction?

Each year, a list of blocks scheduled for sidewalk reconstruction is posted on the Sidewalk webpage found [here \(https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sidewalks\)](https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/sidewalks).

Does the city notify property owners if their sidewalk will be reconstructed?

Yes, Saint Paul Public Works mails notice to property owners prior to the work being scheduled.

Contact

25 West 4th Street
 900 City Hall Annex
 Saint Paul, MN 55102

Office: 651-266-6120

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My block is being scheduled for sidewalk reconstruction. Can I “opt-out” of the potential work at this time?

No, there is no “opt-out” option. This is maintenance work that needs to be completed for pedestrian safety.

How do I know which panels are being replaced?

When the sidewalk inspector does his/her initial inspection, the panels to be replaced will be marked with painted white arrows. A line of dots between arrowed panels indicates a long stretch. These markings identify the panels that the contractor will remove.

How much is the sidewalk replacement going to cost?

There is no direct cost or assessment for individual property owners. Depending on the type of sidewalk construction project, the work is funded through the general fund or other programs.

When will the sidewalk repairs be done?

Sidewalk reconstruction work is typically done from May through October. The contractor can start work at 7:00 a.m. Construction on a block usually takes from 1-to-5 days, weather permitting.

The notice indicates that my driveway crossing is marked for repair. How long will it be before I can use it again?

Typically, you should stay off the new concrete for 5-days. If your driveway is asphalt and it was cut or damaged during the concrete work, the city will repair the asphalt. This operation may be days after the concrete work, depending on workload. The contractor will place gravel in the gap so you can use your driveway until asphalt crews can make the necessary repairs.

Will the contractor re-sod the lawn or boulevard?

No, as per city contract, the contractor is only responsible for placing black dirt and seed along the edge of the new sidewalk and filling in any ruts in the boulevard that may occur during construction. The property owner may choose to install sod themselves at their own expense.

Will the contractor water the new dirt and seed?

No, the watering is done by the abutting property owner. We suggest regular watering as needed to help regrow grass as quickly as possible.

We have a garden on the boulevard. Will the city replace our garden if it is damaged or removed?

City Ordinance, Chapter 105 states: Public Works and utilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all such boulevards remain public property and subject to the right of the city to perform necessary work, to plant, trim and otherwise maintain trees, to access utilities and to store excess snow. In the event the city interferes with boulevard plantings in the course of such work, it shall be responsible only to restore the boulevard to the original grassy state by use of black dirt and grass seed. In no event shall the city be liable for any damage to, disruption of or removal of plantings, either direct or indirect, as a result of the city, its employees, agents or contractors

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performing any installation, maintenance or repairs. Further, the city shall have the right to remove or restrict any plantings that are deemed to interfere with the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

The contractor put down the dirt and seed, but it rained and the dirt was washed away. Will the contractor put down additional dirt and seed?

Yes, please contact us at 651-266-6120. The sidewalk inspector will re-inspect the area and order more dirt and seed as needed.

What do I need to do about my sprinkler system?

If possible, locate and mark your sprinkler system before and during sidewalk construction work. The sidewalk contractor will take every precaution to avoid causing damage to your sprinkler system. The contractor is responsible for any damage on the property side of the sidewalk. However, if the system is damaged in the boulevard or public right-of-way, it is your responsibility to repair the damage at the owner's expense as per City Ordinance, Chapter 129, Sprinkler Systems in Boulevards.

What will happen to my retaining wall/fence that is next to the sidewalk?

Generally, the contractor can work around these types of obstructions without causing damage. If the wall/fence is resting on, or hanging over the city sidewalk, it may need to be dismantled and/or removed by the owner at the owner's expense prior to sidewalk reconstruction. If the wall/fence falls due to its resting on or hanging over the sidewalk, the contractor **is not** responsible for any repairs or costs.

Can I widen my driveway apron or construct a new apron?

Any change to the driveway apron needs to be reviewed to make sure it meets city zoning requirements. If a change is approved, it is at the owner's cost. This can be done by the city contractor on site or by any licensed contractor obtaining the proper permits.

I have a boulevard walk that has settled. Will the city replace it?

Boulevard walks are not included in the work being done. However, some work could be done as necessary to make a proper match if the adjoining mainline walk is reconstructed. These minor repairs will be added to the overall costs to the property owner.

Can I hire the city's contractor to do concrete work on my property?

Yes, you may discuss potential work with the contractor. We suggest that you get estimates from several contractors.

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