

**CITY OF CORVALLIS**  
**COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL**

**POLICY AREA 7 - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS**

**CP 91-7.08**            **Sidewalk Policy**

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7.08.010    Purpose

To establish a policy regarding sidewalk construction and repair in the public right of way.

7.08.020    Policy - Sidewalk Construction

7.08.021    Sidewalk construction shall be as per Municipal Code Chapter (CMC) 2.15 Sidewalk Improvements, as amended.

7.08.022    The criteria used to base an order to construct a missing sidewalk in an area that generally has sidewalks will be as follows:

Undeveloped Lot - Where the plat was recorded after November 1997 and has been recorded three years or longer, or when the missing sidewalk creates a threat to public safety and health as determined by the Public Works Director, and there is no sidewalk on the opposite side of

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the street unless there is no reasonably safe means for a person to cross the street.

Developed Lot - The City has received a compliant and review by City staff determines that the missing sidewalk presents a threat to public safety and health, and there is no sidewalk on the opposite side of the street unless there is no reasonably safe means to cross the street.

### 7.08.030 Policy - Sidewalk Repair

7.08.031 The owners of land adjoining any street in the City are responsible for the condition and maintenance of sidewalks in front of, along, or abutting their property as established by CMC Chapters 2.15 and 5.04.050 (2) (c).

7.08.032 It is the responsibility of the City to construct and repair sidewalk wheelchair access ramps at intersections, repair and maintain sidewalks at public alley approaches, and repair and maintain sidewalks in front of, along, or abutting City owned property.

7.08.033 The City will maintain an ongoing annual program to identify hazardous sidewalk conditions and will determine the priority within which repairs for these hazardous sidewalk conditions may be completed, or the priority within which mitigation for these hazardous sidewalk conditions may be made, taking into account the resources available for the Annual Program, Section 7.08.040.

7.08.034 The City will provide year-round inspections of sidewalk hazards identified by citizen complaints in all areas of the City. The City may include repairs for these hazards, as needed, in the contract for repairs performed in the Annual Program, Section 7.08.040.

7.08.035 The City will attempt to accommodate trees and planting strips by considering sidewalk relocation options, including easements on private property.

### 7.08.040 Annual Program - Sidewalk Safety Program

7.08.041 Annually, the City will identify a district within the city limits containing public sidewalks to be inspected based on the Sidewalk Safety Districts map maintained by Public Works. The City will provide notification to all residents and owners of property within that year's district describing the program.

7.08.042 Sidewalk hazards will be identified and marked following guidelines

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prepared by the City Public Works Department. The City will take responsibility for repairs of structural deficiencies identified in accordance with these guidelines. The City will prioritize repairs on the basis of highest risk to public health and safety. The City may elect to mitigate sidewalk hazards until repairs can be made. Sidewalk repairs will be performed within the available funds generated by the Sidewalk Maintenance Fee established per CMC Chapter 3.07. Structural deficiencies identified but not repaired will be included and prioritized with the repairs identified in the following year.

- 7.08.043 In conjunction with the annual sidewalk inspection, City staff will identify locations in need of wheelchair access ramps, substandard wheelchair access ramps and sidewalk repairs designated as City responsibility.
- 7.08.044 The City will advertise the work for bids according to City purchasing code and State law requirements to construct or retrofit wheelchair access ramps and repair sidewalks.
- 7.08.050     Enforcement
- 7.08.051 Property owners who fail to construct new sidewalks within the time frames established in this document and by Municipal Code will be subject to fines as established in CMC Chapter 2.15, as amended.
- 7.08.080     Review and Update

This Community Improvement Policy shall be reviewed by the Public Works Director triennially in October and updated as appropriate.