

Martinez Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program

Overview

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owner to repair, replace or reconstruct all broken or defective sidewalks and to maintain in a safe and hazard-free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the traveled portion of the public street (City Ordinance No. 1384 C.S., Municipal Code Chapter 12.31).

To assist residents with the cost of repairing, replacing, or reconstructing sidewalks, the City will rebate to residents 50% (up to a maximum of \$500) of the cost to remove and replace, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks that qualify as a dangerous condition. Such potential rebates will continue until budget funds allocated for such purposes are exhausted. Prior to removing a sidewalk, residents must complete the attached Sidewalk Repair Rebate Application form and deliver to City Hall (525 Henrietta Street, Martinez, CA 94535), or by email to engineering@cityofmartinez.org, for determination of eligibility for the rebate.

Program Objectives

- Reimburse owner, tenant or contractor 50% of cost per fronting street where work occurs (up to a maximum of \$500, or, if corner lots with work on both frontages, 50% of cost up to \$1,000) to removal and replace, repair, or reconstruct sidewalks that qualify as defective.
- Program will be funded as part of the City's bi-annual budget.
- Reimbursement is limited to extent of annual funds available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Funds will be allocated for any eligible location in the City as determined by the City Engineer.

Eligibility Requirements

- Property is within the incorporated limits of the City of Martinez.
- Defective sidewalks and pedestrian path of travel with trip hazards is within the City's right-of-way.
- Repairs and replacement to existing sidewalks and pedestrian path of travel. Sidewalk extensions and replacement of non-defective sidewalks are not eligible.

Program Requirements

- A no fee Encroachment Permit must be obtained with a \$250 refundable deposit. Insurance shall be provided as part of the Encroachment Permit application. If a licensed contractor is performing the repairs, their certificate of liability insurance shall list the City of Martinez as additional insured.
- City of Martinez staff perform an initial site review, during which areas of removal are marked and photos taken to verify site is eligible for reimbursement.
- Martinez staff perform form inspection prior to pouring of concrete.
- Martinez staff perform final inspection after all work is completed.
- Once final inspection is completed and ***proof of payment to contractor is provided***, City will send reimbursement check and return deposit.
- Materials and workmanship comply with City of Martinez engineering standards.
- Permittee has sole responsibility to coordinate the necessary inspections.
- Additional inspections may result in charges being made against deposit.

Trip hazard is defined as:

- Lifts or depression equal to or greater than ½ - inch.
- Cracks greater than ½ inch.
- Scarring/Spalling over 25% of the surface.
- Chipped edges over 4 inches.
- Any sidewalk defects determined by the City Engineer to be a hazard to pedestrian travel.