



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIDEWALK REPAIR?

The California Streets and Highways Code places the responsibility for repair of the sidewalk on the adjacent property owner. The Livermore Municipal Code sets forth the specific provisions for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks in Livermore. Repairing the sidewalk requires a no-cost encroachment permit from the City. The City waives the encroachment permit and inspection fees for the sidewalk repair work. The City is responsible for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible ramps and resident back lots along major and collector streets. Utility companies are responsible for replacing damaged utility boxes and replacing the entire sidewalk panel enclosing the utility box within the sidewalk.

HOW DO I KNOW THE SIDEWALK NEEDS REPAIR?

This document includes illustrations of common sidewalk issues. Your sidewalk needs repair work if it meets one or more of the “Sidewalk Repair Criteria.”

Sidewalk Repair

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SIDEWALK REPAIR IS IMPORTANT for the safety of Livermore residents and visitors.

Safe sidewalks increase the appearance and value of property in Livermore. For your convenience, the following are responses to the most common questions that are asked about repairing damaged sidewalks.

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

CAN I DO THE REPAIRS MYSELF?

Yes, a City Encroachment Permit is required and the finished work must be of professional quality and must also conform to all applicable City standards. In addition to removal and replacement of sidewalk, other repair strategies may include grinding, slicing, fillets, and fill replacement. Alternative repair methods must be approved by the City Engineer.

HOW DO I GET A PERMIT FOR THE SIDEWALK REPAIR?

The encroachment permit application form can be found at the city website at:

www.LivermoreCA.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Engineering/Encroachment-Permits

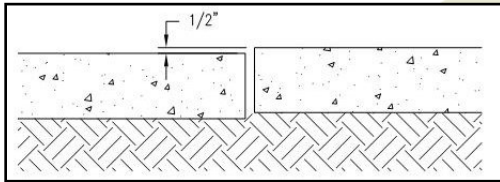
Please completed the form with a sketch showing the length and width of the area in need of repair. You may submit your application via email at: epermitrequest@LivermoreCA.gov or in person at City Hall, located at 1052 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore CA 94550.

WILL THE CITY REMOVE A TREE THAT IS DAMAGING MY SIDEWALK?

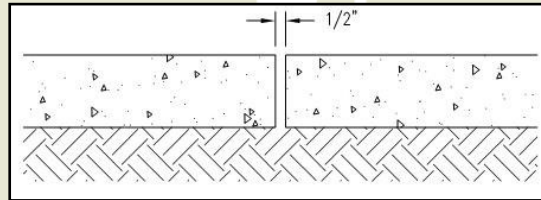
Every effort shall be made to preserve trees. Tree roots may be the cause of your sidewalk problem, in which case, they may be cut back and root barrier installed when appropriate. Caution must be used in cutting roots. Tree removal shall only take place with the issuance of an approved street tree action permit, in accordance with the City’s replanting policy, and at the property owners expense. The City can approve a street tree action permit for tree removal if sidewalk damage caused by the tree meets or exceeds one or more of the sidewalk repair criteria provided in this brochure. However, tree removal can be denied if the sidewalk damage is less than the outlined criteria or if control measures such as root pruning or root barriers will prevent further sidewalk damage. Tree permits may be obtained at no charge from the Maintenance Division, at (925) 960-8020.

Sidewalk Repair Criteria

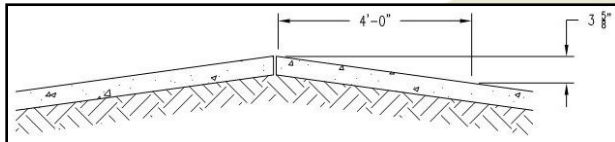
The California Streets and Highways Code places on each property owner the responsibility for the sidewalk adjacent to his or her property.



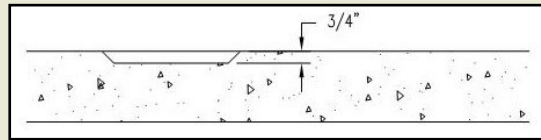
Step Separation: Sidewalk panel has been lifted or subsided by 1/2" or more than the adjacent panel. If the lift is less than 1 1/2", it may be repaired by grinding or slicing process.



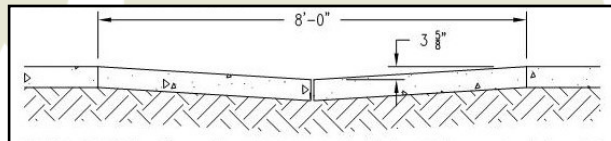
Opening in Sidewalk: There is an opening in the sidewalk measuring 1/2" or greater.



Transverse Grade Change: Two sidewalk panels have lifted to a peak of 3 5/8" (7.5%) or higher than the normal grade of the sidewalk 4' away in each direction.



Spalling of Surface: A portion of the sidewalk has been removed, and the result is a hole of 3/4" or deeper.



Sunken Sidewalk: The sidewalk has subsided within a stretch of 8 feet of sidewalk while there is a portion that is greater than or equal to - 3 5/8" lower than the rest of the sidewalk.

For informational purpose only, the following is a list of contractors that provide sidewalk repair services:

- Ceglio Concrete (925-344-9047)
- Swanson's Landscaping (925-449-8169)
- AP Concrete (925-449-6706)
- Bigelow's Concrete (925-606-4311)
- Blackhills Construction (209-597-0641)
- Precision Concrete (650-576-4303)
- Rangel Concrete (510-314-4263)

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