



Sidewalk Repair/Replacement

50/50 Cost Sharing Program

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The Town of Minden strives for a safe, walkable community. In an effort to facilitate this objective, the Town actively promotes the replacement of damaged sidewalks and encourages its residents to repair any damaged sidewalk that abuts their property. The Town understands that replacing and repairing sidewalk is costly. To help with this burden, the Minden Town Board has adopted a financial assistance subsidy to help defer the cost of repairing and/or replacing damaged sidewalks.

Douglas County Code (“DCC”) section 18.04.160 requires an owner of property within the Town to maintain, reconstruct or repair the public sidewalk on the owner’s property or in a public right-of-way that abuts the owner’s property. DCC 18.04.169 further provides for potential financial assistance from the Town for sidewalk repair. This is a 50/50 cost sharing program which may be used to repair or replace existing sidewalk that has been determined by Town Staff to be in need of repair and/or replacement. This program may also be used to install sidewalk where none previously existed.

This Program will repair and/or replace sidewalks once a year, generally in the spring. Property owners may apply to participate in this program by completing a Sidewalk Repair or Replacement application. Applications must be submitted for consideration by Town Staff no later than April 1st of the year prior to repair and/or replacement.

Each year Town Staff will conduct an assessment of the condition of all existing public sidewalk which abuts Town-maintained road(s) or in a public right-of-way that abuts an owner’s property in Town which will be used to prioritize sections of sidewalk for repair and/or replacement based on condition, ADA accessibility and available funding. Due to limited available funding, Town Staff reserves the right to limit the scope of each individual application and the number of applications approved annually. The cost to repair and/or remove and replace the section of sidewalk will be split with the applicant. The applicant must pay for an equal portion of the work to be completed prior to the work proceeding.

Town Staff will coordinate the repair or removal and replacement of the sidewalk as part of this program. It will be the property owner's responsibility to care for and maintain the sidewalk after the repair or replacement is made.

This program may not be utilized to repair or replace sections of sidewalk damaged by the abutting property owner. Town Staff will inspect the sidewalk and may require the removal of landscape elements which may cause the condition of the sidewalk to deteriorate over time.