

## TOOELE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE SIDEWALK POLICY

### Introduction

Sidewalk, curb and gutter, ADA ramps, and waterways (the “Facilities”) are part of the Streets Division in the Tooele City Public Works Department. Maintenance of the Facilities is important for them to fulfill their purpose while protecting the safety of the public. The City Council appropriates funds for maintenance of the Facilities. The Mayor and Public Works Department determine how best to maintain the Facilities given City Council appropriations.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to standardize the prioritization of repairing and replacing the Facilities for both the optimal functionality and life of the Facilities and the protection of the public health, safety, and quality of life.

### Categories of Facilities

- Sidewalk
- Curb and gutter
- ADA ramps
- Waterways

### Reporting

Reporting of maintenance needs and safety concerns can be done by the following:

- Citizen reports and requests
- Streets Division projects and findings
- Boy Scouts of American Eagle Scout Service Project Surveys
- Private company surveys (Precision Concrete, Utah LTAP).

### **Sidewalk Replacement Plan**

Sidewalk replacement projects are determined by a rating system. Height of raised concrete, missing pieces, and spalling are all rated according to the following priorities (descending in priority from the highest priority of one).

The priorities are labeled as:

- 1 - Missing sections of existing sidewalk
- 2 - Raised sections of 4" or more
- 3 - Raised sections of 1" to 3"
- 4 - Raised sections of 1/2" to 1"
- 5 - Raised sections of 1/2" and lower
- 6 - Spalling over 50% of section. Exposed aggregate of 1/2" to 3/4" recesses
- 7 - Spalling between 25% - 50% of section. Exposed aggregate of 1/2" to 3/4" recesses.
- 8 - Spalling less than 25% of section. Exposed aggregate,

Sidewalks may be repaired by cutting or grinding rather than replacement.

### **New Sidewalk Plan**

Areas of the City do not have sidewalks, handicap ramps, or curb and gutter. The City desires to maintain its assets as well as to add sidewalk to areas where they do not currently exist. Subject to available funding, the City may choose to prioritize pouring new sidewalk over repairing existing sidewalk. Tooele City does apply for grant funding to assist with these projects when opportunities are available.

### **Curb and Gutter Plan**

Curb and gutter is rated on drainage ability and safety. Drainage includes: puddling, blocked conveyance, and safety of broken curb.

### **ADA Ramps**

Any structural damage to ADA ramps will be inspected and put on the replacement list with increased priority. New ramps are added subject to available funding.

### **Waterways**

Waterways will be inspected and replaced as necessary. Puddling, cracked, missing, and broken sections will be documented and recorded. Replacement will be according to the inspection report.

### Trees

One of the most difficult challenges when dealing with sidewalks is tree root systems. As trees mature, their root system continues to increase in size. Roots that have grown under sidewalk or curb and gutter may lift the concrete, causing a trip hazard or drainage problem. In many cases, the only way to solve this problem is to remove the tree, or damage the root system.

Trees are an integral part of our community. They provide beauty and shade. We realize that trees are an important and sensitive issue and we will try to do whatever is possible to save most trees and ensure citizen satisfaction. When a tree has been determined to be a nuisance, City personnel will determine how best to deal with the tree. Only after the nuisance tree has been addressed then the issue at hand (curb, gutter, sidewalk) can be repaired.

### **City Discretion**

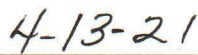
All repair, replacement, and maintenance projects under this Policy are determined in the sole discretion of the City. This policy does not create City obligations or public entitlements.

### Tooele City Ordinance and Code

Tooele City code: Title 4 Building Regulations; Chapter 11 Sidewalks



Debra E. Winn, Mayor



Effective Date