

November 2008

## **SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM-**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has an annual sidewalk repair program. The intent of this program is to correct potentially hazardous portions of existing sidewalks, driveway approaches and parkways which could pose a problem to pedestrians. The City has established a program to help assure that the damaged improvements are repaired in a timely manner with a minimum burden to the property owner. To report uplift, please fill out a maintenance request form on the City website, or call Public Works at 310-544-5252. The City will repair the sidewalk either by grinding the area, or remove and replace the concrete in the damaged area. See the criteria below:

### **I. Grinding:**

If an uplift is up to 1 ½ inch high, it will be ground down at no cost to the homeowners. The City contractor typically completes the grinding work in 30-40 minutes.

### **II. Removal and Replacement:**

If any of the following conditions exists, the damaged sidewalk, or driveway apron will be removed and replaced. Per the California Streets and Highways Code section 5610 and Resolution 85-45 of the City, such repairs to sidewalk/driveway apron or parkway areas are the responsibility of the adjacent/abutting property owner.

1. The portion in the concrete creating a lip more than 1 ½ inch high will be removed and replaced at the home owner's expense.
2. Two slabs lifting at a joint to form a ramp over 2 inches high will also be removed and replaced at the home owner's expense.
3. Parkways (the area between the sidewalk and the curb) which have brick, decorative stone or concrete which fall under the above criteria must be repaired by the property owner, otherwise, they will be removed and backfilled with dirt.

If as a result of an inspection, a portion of the sidewalk, driveway approach or parkway adjacent to a property falls into any of the criteria 1, 2, or 3 listed above, the property owner will receive a notice from the City. The City then estimates the cost of the repair for the removal and replacement of the driveway apron, sidewalk, or parkway. Depending on the estimated cost, the home owner is responsible for a portion or all of the repair costs. Later the property owner receives an invoice with the exact cost. Currently the property owners' share of costs is capped at a maximum of \$500. Any cost above that is paid by the City.

**Note: In some cases the sidewalk/driveway apron/parkway damage is due to roots from the parkway trees. Regardless of the cause of the damage (tree related or not related), the adjacent property owner is responsible for a portion or all of the cost of repairs for items 1-3 as mentioned above.**

RESOLUTION NO. 85-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APRON MAINTENANCE POLICY AND REVISING RESOLUTION NO. 83-28 OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Section 5610 requires property owners to maintain sidewalks and parkway areas in such condition that the sidewalk will not endanger persons or property and maintain it in a condition that will not interfere with the public convenience; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 5610 et seq. contain procedures for assessing the cost of such repairs against property owners in the event they fail to maintain adjacent sidewalks in proper condition; and

WHEREAS, The City desires to encourage property owners to maintain sidewalks and driveway aprons in proper condition,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 In order to encourage property owners to maintain their sidewalks and driveway aprons in proper condition, the City will initiate repair procedures and assess the entire cost of repairing the sidewalk and/or driveway apron to the property owner.

Section 2 Each individual assessment will be increased by 30% of the actual cost of repair to recover the City's costs for temporary patching, inventory, inspection and administration.

Section 3 Where the property owner, given notice pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911 of the requirement to repair a sidewalk and/or driveway apron, elects to undertake such work in a timely fashion, the City will issue a Highway Permit to the property owner.

Section 4 In the event the property owner fails to undertake such repair in a timely fashion, the City shall make the repairs and assess the entire cost of repair to the property owner.

Section 5 In order to lessen the burden of the assessment, the property owner may arrange for installment payments subject to City approval.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 1985.

/S/ JOHN C. MCTAGGART  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ NO PURCELL  
CITY CLERK