

**Decatur Building and Zoning Department**

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**Curt Witte, Superintendent**

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## **City of Decatur Sidewalk Program**

The purpose of the sidewalk program is to reconstruct deteriorated sidewalks by offering financial assistance to the property owner within the City. The program pertains to areas within the City that currently have existing sidewalks that have deteriorated. The existing sidewalk policy is a 50/50 split between the property owner and the City of Decatur. Fifty percent (50%) of the cost to the City and fifty percent (50%) of the cost to the property owner. All sections of sidewalks that are ADA right of ways which require ramps are funded 100% by the City.

The City has limited funds with which to assist property owners. Therefore, priority will be given in the order in which the contracts are signed and received resulting in a first come, first serve basis until funds are exhausted.

The sidewalk replacement program is for all sidewalks located parallel to City streets. Any internal sidewalks, stoops or steps do not qualify for the program.

The City of Decatur has existing contractors for the program, however, a property may elect to hire a different contractor. The cost of the sidewalk installation is under the direction of the City of Decatur and all costs are based on current material expenses. An outside contractor shall not adjust any pricing from which the City has calculated. However, if the property owner wishes to enter into a separate contract with the hired contractor for new interior sidewalks, stoops, steps, etc., the property owner does so on their own accord and will be responsible for 100% of the cost of any items other than street sidewalks. All street sidewalks must be constructed with material and construction practices in accordance with § 93.27 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS of the City of Decatur Ordinances. All contractors shall register with the City Building and Zoning Department and show proof of liability insurance (no less than \$500,000 coverage) prior to a contract being signed.

Anyone interested or wanting more information on the sidewalk program should contact the Building and Zoning Department at 260-724-3814 or the City Street Department at 260-724-3356.

If interested, a City representative will measure the sidewalk and determine the total price based on current material expenses. The total dollar amount is then divided in half by which the property owner will be responsible for half of the cost of the sidewalk and the City pays the other half.

If the property owner wishes to pursue new sidewalks at this point, a contract is signed by the property owner, the concrete contractor and the City. The property owner shall pay their half up front to the contractor. This allows the contractor to pay for materials. The City will remove all old sidewalks and deliver stone to the residence. The Contractor will form the sidewalk area, install the stone and reinforcement bar. A representative from the City will inspect the forms, stone and reinforcement bar before concrete is poured. After the construction practices pass inspection, the contractor will pour the concrete and install barricades to allow the concrete to cure without disturbance. After the concrete has cured, a City representative will reinspect the sidewalk one last time. After the final inspection is approved, the contractor will invoice the City for the remainder of the cost of the sidewalk.

All landscaping and backfill needed after the sidewalk is completed is the responsibility of the property owner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Witte", is written over a horizontal line.

Curt Witte  
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