

Sidewalk replacement procedure

The rebate program is open to all residents of Meyerland.

Repair process:

Decide your method to fix your sidewalk.

Turn in a construction application for sidewalk repair to the office.

Level, repair, or replace sidewalk using a bonded contractor.

Turn in required paperwork to the office.

Receive notification of rebate if accepted.

The following information further explains the rules and requirements for acceptable work earning a rebate:

WHO/WHAT IS ELIGIBLE?

- The incentive program will be offered to all homeowners regardless of the actual condition of your sidewalk.
- The repair may be either replacement or restoration (mud-jacking, grinding, or leveling) by a bonded contractor.
- Credit will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The completion date for construction shall identify the order of priority for the application of credits.
- Homebuilders or property owners constructing new homes are not eligible for credit for sidewalk repair or replacement.
- Credits for repairs to driveways are not included in the incentive program.

HOW WILL REBATE BE DETERMINED?

- MCIA will credit homeowners at a rate of 15 cents per dollar with a maximum allowance of \$6.00/square foot for sidewalk repairs.
- The credit will be applied to the homeowner's MCIA account in subsequent years.

HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAM LAST?

- The incentive program offer is retroactive for sidewalks that have been repaired since Sept. 1, 2008.
- In order to receive credit, the sidewalk repair must have been completed no later than December 31, 2010 by a bonded contractor.
- The program will remain in effect until the end date or until allocated funds are exhausted.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO QUALIFY?

- Homeowners must submit approval for sidewalk repairs using the Meyerland Architectural Control Committee construction form. The Architectural Control Committee will waive the standard application fee of \$20 for sidewalk repairs.
- New sidewalk replacements must satisfy the sidewalk specifications that appeared in the Winter 2009 issue of *The Meyerlander*. These specifications are referenced at the end of this article.
- Once the work is completed, submit the following items to the MCIA office:
 1. Copy of Construction Application approved by MACC for sidewalk replacement/repair.
 2. Copy of invoice from bonded contractor which indicates price per square foot.
 3. Copy of City of Houston permit required if sidewalk is replaced rather than repaired.
 4. Proof of payment. Copy of cancelled check.
 5. Photos showing completed work.

The following are the specifications determining sidewalk replacement and rules of repair:

- **Thickness:** The thickness of the concrete shall be a minimum of 4 inches thick, except where the sidewalk crosses a driveway. The thickness of the concrete shall be a minimum of 6 inches at a driveway.
- **Width:** The sidewalks in front of Meyerland homes shall be a minimum of five feet wide.
- **Excavation:** Excavation shall be made to a required depth and width that will permit installation and bracing of the forms. Where it is necessary to add more earth to bring the sidewalk to proper grade, the new earth shall be sand and shall be deposited in layers of four inches or less and thoroughly compacted between successive layers.
- **Forms:** Forms shall extend to the full depth of the concrete. All forms shall be of sufficient strength to resist the pressure of the concrete without springing. Double flexible strips may be used on curves. Bracing and staking of all forms shall be such that the forms remain in alignment until their removal.
- **Reinforcement:** Reinforcement consisting of either #3 (3/8 inch diameter) rebars at 14 inches on center each way or 6x6 – W2.1 x W2.1 welded wire fabric in flat sheets shall be placed at mid-depth of the concrete.
- **Concrete type:** The concrete shall be single course Class A Portland cement concrete.
- **Contraction joints:** Contraction joints shall be installed at a maximum spacing of four feet. The joints may be tooled or sawed. If the joints are tooled, they shall be rounded with a ¼ inch radius rounding tool and shall extend into the concrete at least 1/3 of the depth of the concrete or by cutting entirely through the fresh concrete with a trowel. If the joints are sawed, the sawing can proceed as soon as the concrete will allow sawing without tearing the sawed edge.
- **Expansion joints:** Expansion joints of 5/8" wood strips or pre-molded joint filler (non-extruding Type B) shall be placed in all sidewalks to the full depth of the concrete at lot lines and at intervals not to exceed 30 feet. A ¾" thick joint filler shall be used where the sidewalk abuts a curb.
- **Finishing:** Sidewalks shall be finished with a straight edge until the surface is brought to a true and uniform section. Then the sidewalk shall be finished with a wooden float with a light broom finish to provide a non-slip surface. Brooming shall be completed before the concrete is in such a condition that it will be torn or unduly roughened. Sprinkling dry cement on the surface is prohibited.
- **Curing:** Finished concrete shall be kept wet for a minimum of 72 hours or completely covered with white plastic film or a coating of liquid membrane forming curing compound as specified in the AASHTO M148 specification.