

**R-19-05**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STOUGHTON COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTING**  
**CRITERIA FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Stoughton that it's Common Council adopt uniform criteria to be used in determining whether or not sidewalks within the City are in need of replacement:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton does hereby adopt uniform criteria for determining whether or not sidewalks within the City are in need of replacement as follows:

- (1) Differential settlement or heaving at sidewalk joints of 3/4ths of an inch or more at any point along a joint or a joint gap greater than 3/4ths of an inch.
- (2) A sidewalk slab that slopes more than 1 inch per foot in any direction unless the slope is greater than 1 inch per foot due to natural grade.
- (3) A crack in a sidewalk creates a vertical offset of more than 3/4ths of an inch or a crack gap greater than 1/4<sup>th</sup> of an inch wide exists.
- (4) Holes in the surface are in excess of 3 inches by 3 inches by 1 inch deep.
- (5) The surface of a sidewalk section has 25% or greater of its surface spalled or decayed.
- (6) Sidewalk sections that have been previously patched with bituminous patching material.
- (7) Sidewalk sections that have settled causing the surface to hold water after a rainfall.
- (8) The sidewalk surface has 50% or greater of its surface containing graylining. (Spiderweb cracking of the surface)
- (9) The sidewalk has a negative pitch (drains toward house). Zero pitch is allowable.
- (10) The sidewalk is otherwise determined as hazardous in the judgment of the sidewalk inspector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Stoughton Department of Planning & Development shall preapprove all sidewalk replacement done by property owners and require a permit prior to replacement. Certain walk conditions may be repaired by mudjacking or patching without a permit; property owners are allowed to make repairs in this fashion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the City of Stoughton, to the extent deemed necessary and feasible, to conduct annual inspections of the City's sidewalks and make temporary repairs when it is determined that a safety hazard exists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to publish this resolution as a Class 1 notice in the Stoughton Courier Hub.

The above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Stoughton at a regular meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2005.

VOTE:

Ayes: 10

Noes: 0

Adopted: 8-23-05

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APPROVED:

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Helen J. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Luann J. Alme, City Clerk

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