

# **Sidewalk Replacement**

## **Guidelines and Assistance Information**

### **Sec. 17-147. - Required, who is responsible.**

It shall be the duty of each owner of real estate abutting on any sidewalk to repair, at his own expense, all holes, uneven surfaces and other defects in the sidewalk upon which his property abuts; reconstruction shall comply with the standard drawings and technical manuals. If such owner be a nonresident of the urban county, or if he cannot be found, it shall be the duty of his agent in charge of the property to make the repairs as herein required, or if there be no such agent, then it shall be the duty of the occupant of the property to make such repairs.

(Ord. No. 185-99, § 1, 7-8-99; Ord. No. 174-2001, § 26, 7-5-01)

- The criteria for determination of the presence of a violation and required replacement or repair is as follows:

A vertical displacement of one-half inch (1/2") or greater.

A horizontal displacement or "crack" of one-half inch (1/2") or greater.

Significant missing or loose pieces and/or the presence of a hole.

Significant surface deterioration (spalling).

Any depression that may cause pooling of water, mud or other debris.

Has a vertical slope greater than one (1") inch in twelve (12") horizontal inches.

A significant safety issue exists which is not defined by the previous criteria.

- In some cases, the Sidewalk Replacement Grant Program can provide assistance to residential property owners. Contact the Lexington Code Enforcement department to determine if you qualify. The funds contained in the grant are allocated each fiscal year and are only available until the budgeted allocation is exhausted.
- Cracks less than 1 inch may be filled with a masonry crack filler or vinyl concrete patch.  
Cracks 1 inch or more in width must be filled with a cement/concrete product.
- Panels with vertical displacement of less than 1½ inch may be replaced, saw cut, raised or lowered to evenly meet the connecting panels. Raised or lowered panels must meet slope requirements and cannot create areas resulting in the pooling or collection of water and other materials.
- Panels with vertical displacement of 1½ inch or more cannot be ground down or saw cut and must be raised, lowered or replaced.

For additional information you can reach Code Enforcement in these ways:

Call 311 and ask for the Code Enforcement Department  
Visit their website at: [www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/code-enforcement](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/departments/code-enforcement)  
They are located at: 101 East Vine St., Suite 500, Lexington, KY 40507