



SAFE (Safer Access for Everyone) Sidewalk Program

The City of Great Bend believes that all citizens benefit when sidewalks are in good condition. The goal of the SAFE Sidewalk Program is to assist residential and commercial property owners in making needed repairs to public sidewalks.

Well-maintained sidewalks:

- Allow unimpeded travel for disabled residents and comply with regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Improve the public health by encouraging walking.
- Facilitate travel by those who are unable to or choose not to drive
- Improve Great Bend's aesthetic image.
- Contribute to the general upkeep of Great Bend's older neighborhoods.
- Improve the quality of life for Great Bend residents.

Every property owner shall keep the sidewalk abutting his property in repair and shall be liable for any injury to persons or property caused by any broken, raised, or lowered places in the sidewalk or other defects which it was his duty to have repaired. Ordinance 12.08.110

To participate in the program the property owner is responsible for submission of application and ensuring that all concrete work is done to city standards and specifications. The City's involvement will consist of inspecting the property prior to construction and returning once the work is complete to perform a final inspection prior to payment. Property owner must submit a copy of paid Invoice to the City for reimbursement. Work must be completed within 30 days of application approval.

The City's share will be 50% up to a maximum of \$800 per street frontage. A corner lot with a sidewalk along both streets could be eligible for a maximum of \$1,600.

The City will pay for the installation of ADA approaches on corner lots. ADA approaches must be constructed as per ADA compliance.

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until all funds budgeted for the program are exhausted.

Program Elements:

- This program will not cover driveways or sidewalks from the public sidewalk to the dwelling and costs associated with sprinkler repair.
- All sidewalks must be constructed of concrete and to current City sidewalk standards and is subject to application approval, pre-pour inspection and final inspection. Failure to schedule an inspection shall disqualify the project from this program.



- Property owners can hire a contractor or repair sidewalks themselves, as long as, sidewalks are built to city standards and reimbursement will be limited to 50% of materials cost only and labor charges will not be applied.
- If tree roots have caused the sidewalks to rise or damage, the city will determine if the tree roots can be cut, and tree can be saved. If the tree must be removed, the property owner will be responsible for the tree removal.
- Property owners may apply for the Sidewalk Incentive Program for rental properties.

Quality Control and Eligibility for the program:

- Prior to beginning any work, property owner must make an application with City's Engineering department at 525 Morton Street. The application form may be obtained by calling 620.793.4150 or by visiting the "Doing Business" page on City's Website under the City Engineer at <https://www.greatbendks.net/62/Engineering>
- One of following Sidewalk conditions must exist:
 - a. Sidewalk must be sunken or risen to a height difference of one inch or more between sections
 - b. Sidewalk must be broken or separated into three or more pieces
 - c. 50% or more of the sidewalk surface must be deteriorated
- If eligible, the property owners/ Licensed Private Contractor will get a ROW (Right of Way) permit with the Engineering department.
- Inspection should be scheduled by contractor/ Property Owner prior to the concrete pour and after the complete construction.
- The invoice must be submitted marked "PAID" for Reimbursement.

For questions related to the Sidewalk Replacement Program, please contact the Engineering Department at 620.793.4150.