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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE CITY OF SACHSE'S SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sachse, Texas, has sidewalks located throughout the City that provide access to schools, parks and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that these sidewalks enhance the beauty of the City and the quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of Sachse citizens and visitors to provide safe and well-maintained sidewalks throughout the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Sachse has been presented with the City's Sidewalk Maintenance Policy (the "Policy") that establishes regulations for City staff to replace and maintain City sidewalks located in the public right-of-way for the benefit of Sachse citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, upon full review and consideration of the Policy and all matters related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion and finds that the Policy should be approved and adopted by the City of Sachse;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS, THAT:**

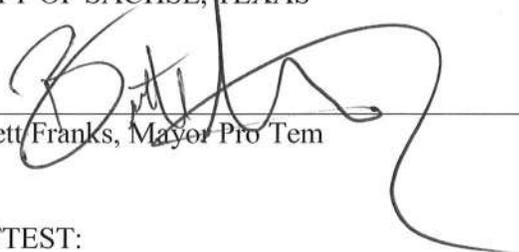
**SECTION 1.** The Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is approved and shall be adopted by the City of Sachse.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

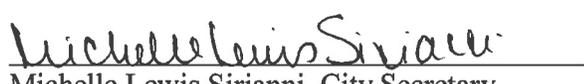
**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Sachse, Texas, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

CITY OF SACHSE, TEXAS

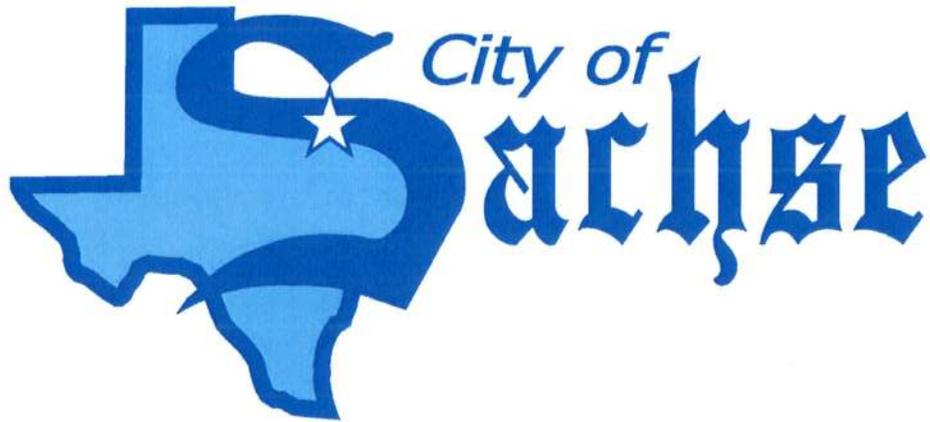


  
Brett Franks, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT POLICY**



# **Sidewalk Maintenance Policy**

**Approved March 21, 2016**



## Sidewalk Maintenance Policy

### ***Purpose***

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the rehabilitation and replacement of sidewalks in the public right-of-way. This policy does not apply to walkways and pavement on private property. The maintenance of all pavement on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

### ***Definitions***

Trip Hazard - A trip hazard shall be defined as a vertical separation of two sidewalk panels with an elevation difference of 1.5 inches or greater between two panels.

Structural Failure - Structural failure of a sidewalk shall be defined as the cracking or crumbling of concrete through the entire depth of the sidewalk panel as determined by the Director of Public Works & Engineering, or his/her designee.

Cosmetic Damage - Cosmetic damage shall be defined as the wear, aging, and/or movement of a concrete sidewalk panel which does not result in either structural failure or trip hazard as defined above.



## ***Project Selection, Eligibility, and Prioritization***

### **A. Project Selection**

1. The Director of Public Works & Engineering, or his/her designee, is responsible for selecting sidewalk rehabilitation and replacement projects in the City of Sachse.
2. Public Works staff will visit the site of each request for sidewalk maintenance as they are received, and will determine if the request is eligible for rehabilitation or replacement.

### **B. Eligibility**

1. Trip hazards
  - a. Sidewalks with a vertical difference of less than 1.5-inches do not meet the definition of a trip hazard included herein. If and when City staff is notified that the vertical difference meets this requirement, the sidewalk will be placed on the list for rehabilitation.
  - b. Sidewalks with a vertical difference of 1.5-inches to 2.5-inches is defined as a trip hazard, and will be placed on the Public Works list for rehabilitation.
  - c. Sidewalks with a vertical difference of 2.5-inches or greater is defined as a trip hazard and will be placed on the Public Works list for replacement.
2. Structural Failures.
  - a. Sidewalks determined by the Director of Public Works & Engineering or his/her designee as being in the condition of structural failure will be placed on the Public Works list for replacement.
3. Cosmetic damage.
  - a. The City will not repair or replace sidewalk panels for cosmetic damage.



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### C. Prioritization

- a. The rehabilitation of sidewalk panels with a vertical difference of 1.5-inches to 2.5-inches will be completed based upon on the age of request. The oldest requests will be completed first.
- b. The replacement of sidewalk panels will be based upon the severity of damage. The highest priority sidewalks will be replaced first as follows:
  - a. Structural failure
  - b. Trip hazards of 3 or more inches
  - c. Trip hazards of 2.5 to 3 inches.



### ***Project Funding***

The City of Sachse will complete sidewalk maintenance projects on an annual basis, based upon available funding in the Public Works Street Maintenance Budget. The Public Works Street Maintenance budget is reviewed and approved by the City Council of the City of Sachse for each fiscal year. The number of eligible projects identified may exceed the available funding in a single fiscal year. Projects that are identified for rehabilitation or replacement that are not able to be funded in the current fiscal year will be considered for funding in the next fiscal year. The City of Sachse may select a private contractor to complete the rehabilitation and/or replacement of sidewalks in the public right-of-way based upon available resources and project scope.

Funding for sidewalk maintenance projects will be implemented as follows:

1. Trip Hazards

- a. Sidewalks with vertical separations of less than 1.5 inches do not meet the definition of a Trip Hazard, and are not eligible for project funding. These requests will be monitored by Public Works staff on an annual basis. The property owner may choose to fund the replacement of the sidewalk in accordance with the City of Sachse Standard Construction Details at their expense. The property owner shall obtain a building permit from the City of Sachse Community Development Department.
- b. Sidewalks with a vertical separation of 1.5-inches to 2.5-inches will be rehabilitated by the Public Works Department at the expense of the City. The property owner may choose to fund the replacement of the sidewalk in accordance with the City of Sachse Standard Construction Details at their expense. The property owner shall obtain a building permit from the City of Sachse Community Development Department.



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- c. Sidewalks with a vertical separation of more than 2.5 inches will be replaced by the Public Works Department at the expense of the City.
  2. Structural Failures
    - a. Sidewalks identified as containing a structural failure will be replaced by the Public Works Department at the expense of the City.
  3. Cosmetic Damage
    - a. Sidewalks with cosmetic damage are not eligible for project funding. The property owner may choose to fund the replacement of the sidewalk in accordance with the City of Sachse Standard Construction Details at their expense. The property owner shall obtain a building permit from the City of Sachse Community Development Department.