

# **SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY**



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## Sidewalk Maintenance Policy

According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Street-Aid (Powell Bill) Program, maintenance of sidewalk located within public right-of-way is the responsibility of local governments. The Powell Bill program provides funds for construction and maintenance of sidewalks along public streets. The purpose of the Sidewalk Maintenance Policy is to formalize inspection, inventory, and maintenance procedures with respect to sidewalk infrastructure management and balance fiscal responsibility with public safety on municipal sidewalks.

### Inventory and Inspection

An inventory of all sidewalks in public right-of-way will be maintained by the Engineering and Public Works Department, which will include a history of inspections, construction, and maintenance information. Town sidewalks will be inspected on a rotating basis with a maximum time between inspections of 3 years. Citizens may also request sidewalk inspection by either calling the Engineering and Public Works Department at 704-821-5401 or by submitting a Service Request Form located at: <http://www.indiantrail.org/stormwaterrequest.php>. Once the request is documented, an inspection will be performed within five (5) working days. The sidewalk in question will be given a ranking identification number and an estimated time to complete repairs.

### Sidewalk Repair Assessment

In determining if a section of sidewalk is eligible for repair under this policy, the following criteria will be used:

Rating	Sidewalk Assessment Criteria			Schedule
	Raised or Sunken	Cracks or Opening	Vertical Separation	
3	Greater than 3"	Greater then 3/4"	Greater then 3/4"	2-6 calendar weeks
2	Between 2" and 3"	Between 1/2" and 3/4"	Between 1/4" and 3/4"	February-April
1	Between 0" and 2"	Between 1/8" and 1/2"	Between 1/8" and 1/4"	None (Ongoing Monitoring)

As funds are allocated, sidewalk sections rated **2** or **3** will qualify for repair, while sections ranked a **1** will be monitored on a yearly basis.

When sidewalk repairs and/or replacement are necessitated due to the impact of utility systems, the appropriate utility system owner will be notified that they are responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the sidewalk.

**Sidewalk Repair Methods**

Repair methods to be utilized by the Town vary and may include, but are not limited to:

- Removal and Replacement
- Edge Grinding
- Replacement with approved alternate surfacing materials

**Sidewalks along Private Streets**

Sidewalks along private streets are the responsibility of the Home Owners Association or the street's residents.