



Public Works 50/50 Cost Share Program for Sidewalk Repair

Need help getting a sidewalk repaired? The City of Fort Wayne has a cost sharing program that may be the perfect solution -- in 3 easy steps!



Before



After

City Code (§ 99.046) requires property owners to repair and maintain the public sidewalk in front of their property. In an effort to assist residents with repairs the City has created a cost share program.

Step 1 – Decide if you want to fix an individual sidewalk slab or an entire block. If you have a broken or heaved sidewalk that you want to fix, determine if it's one slab, multiple sections or the entire street block that needs to be repaired.

Step 2 – Go to the City of Fort Wayne website, www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare, and fill out a petition. An individual petition requires the signature of you, the homeowner(s); the entire block petition requires signatures from 51 percent of the effected property owners on that block.

Step 3 – Submit the petition to the Board of Public Works for further processing.

The City's Division of Public Works will provide an estimate and, by mutual agreement, the City will pay for 50 percent of the cost of the repair work and you will pay 50 percent for the cost of the work. In general, sidewalk repairs may cost about \$525 per sidewalk slab (usually 5'x5'). In this case, the cost to the homeowner would be \$262.50 per slab.

The City offers a low-interest loan to assist homeowners in financing their portion of the repair.

For more information, call 311 or go to <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare>

FREQUENTLY ASKED 50/50 COST SHARE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1. Can anyone participate in the cost sharing program?

You must live within the Fort Wayne city limits.

Q2. How does the program work?

First, decide if you want to fix an individual sidewalk slab or an entire block. Then, go to www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare to fill out a program petition.

Q3. How much will my new sidewalk cost?

Sidewalk repairs cost an average of about \$525 per (usually 5'x5') sidewalk slab/square. With 50/50 Cost Share, the homeowner pays share about \$262.50 per sidewalk slab.

Q4. Who has to sign the petition?

An individual petition must be signed by the owner(s) of the property, as listed on the title. A block-long petition must be signed by 51 percent of the affected homeowners.

Q5. What happens if I sell my house?

The loan is a lien and will stay with the house, unless it is paid off at closing.

Q6. Can I hire my own contractor to repair my sidewalk and get reimbursed by the City?

No, the City will bid the project, hire the contractor, and oversee construction.

Q7. Will the City fix my driveway as part of the cost share?

No, the City will not replace an entire driveway. The City will fix the driveway approach, if the walk behind the drive approach and the approach are both in poor condition.

Q8. How long will I have to wait for my repairs?

It may take a year to complete your project, as projects are planned a year in advance.

Q9. If I rent a house, can I still petition for the sidewalk to be replaced?

Yes, however, the petition must still be signed by the *owner* of the house; the property owner will be financially responsible for the sidewalk improvements.

Q10. How can I pay for my portion of the project?

Payments can be made in full, one time, or homeowners can take advantage of our low-interest loans, paid over 10 years, on an annual or monthly basis. Below are examples of what those loan payments might be:

Below are links to what the loan payments may look like. This information can also be accessed online at:

<https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/publicworks/right-of-way/50-50-cost-sharing-program.html>

\$500

\$1,000

\$2,000

\$3,000