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***Sidewalk Fill in and Construction***  
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Importance	Length needed (ft.)	Price per linear ft.	Cost
Priority 1	46,680	\$36	\$1,680,480
Priority 2	7,185	\$36	\$258,660
Priority 3	61,085	\$36	\$2,199,060
Priority 4	2,310	\$36	\$83,160
Priority 5	409,380	\$36	\$14,737,680

5.02 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

(A) PERMIT REQUIRED.

- (1) No person shall construct, repair or reconstruct any sidewalk without having obtained a permit therefor from the Engineering Department and having paid the permit fee in accordance with Section 25.01 of this Code. The permit may be issued upon a completed application form provided by the City and shall contain such information as the Engineering Department shall deem necessary. (#2949 1/9/86, #4149 12/11/03, #4532 12/10/09, #4651 - 1/12/12)
- (2) Such permit shall be for a continuous sidewalk within or between intersection streets in front of the property owned by one person, firm or corporation. No permit shall be necessary for repair which does not exceed 72 square feet, unless the Board of Public Works Inspector deems it necessary to establish a new grade for such repair.
- (3) After permit has been issued, the applicant shall obtain survey and grade stakes from the City Engineer. After sidewalk forms are set an inspection shall be called for checking compliance to engineer's grade and specifications.

(B) SPECIFICATIONS.

- (1) All sidewalks shall be six (6) feet in width unless otherwise specified by the Board of Public Works.
- (2) All sidewalks shall be constructed of Portland cement concrete unless otherwise specified by the Board of Public Works.
- (3) The thickness of the sidewalks in residential districts shall be not less than four (4) inches, and in business districts not less than five (5) inches. Private driveways not less than six (6) inches.
- (4) Construction shall be in accordance with the Sidewalk Specifications on file at the City Engineer's office and with the Sidewalk Inspector.

(C) SIDEWALK PRIORITIES AND WAIVER OF ASSESSMENT FOR NEW SIDEWALK

- (1) The City of La Crosse hereby establishes the following priorities with respect to installation of sidewalks:

Priority No. 1: Install sidewalks on routes to schools and leading to City Bus Stops.

Priority No. 2: Installs sidewalks adjacent to or along any worn path in grass or dirt on City property.

Priority No. 3: Install sidewalks where blocks have partial sidewalks.

Priority No. 4: Fill in sidewalks where blocks have partial sidewalks.

Priority No. 5: Install sidewalks on streets where no sidewalks exist on their side of the block only where more than fifty (50) percent of the property owners request the sidewalk.

- (2) No portion of the cost of new sidewalks ordered installed by the Common Council through the Capital Improvements Program shall be assessed against the abutting property owner. This waiver of assessment shall not apply to sidewalks installed in new subdivisions. All such sidewalks in new subdivisions shall be installed at the developer's expense.

(D) SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT SIDEWALKS

- (1) The City shall pay 25 percent of the cost of replacing existing sidewalks when such work is ordered by the City Sidewalk Inspector, provided such replacement is done by the City or the City's Contractor. In no case, however, shall the City's share for replacement sidewalk exceed \$250.00 for a property facing a street or \$550.00 for a corner lot with the understanding that said monetary caps shall be increased January 1 of each year beginning January 1, 1998 by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the previous year based upon November to November indices. The City shall levy a special assessment against the abutting property owner for at least 75 percent of the cost of such ordered sidewalk replacement. Special assessments levied to defray the costs of replacement sidewalks may, when they exceed \$100.00, be paid in ten (10) or fifteen (15) equal annual installments together with interest at the rate determined by the Common Council, "uniform with special assessments."
- (2) Any section or sections of a sidewalk that is ordered replaced as a result of movement cause by the roots of a City (boulevard) tree, and such sidewalk section or sections are less than ten years old, the City shall pay 100 percent of the cost of such replacement.

5.03 DRIVEWAYS.

(A) WIDTHS AND PERMIT FEES.

Unless otherwise specifically permitted by resolution of the Council, upon written application giving the reason therefor, the standard and maximum widths of driveways at the sidewalk and curb, other requirements for such installations, and fees for permits, shall be as follows: