

**RULES FOR HOMEOWNERS & CONTRACTORS FOR
SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APRON REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT
IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- A. Contractors must be registered with the Building Department.
- B. Contractors or homeowners must obtain a concrete permit and a public property permit from the Building Department. See Sections 1305.01 (f), and 153.02 Codified Ordinances.
- C. Contractors must comply with all City ordinances, including, but not limited to, those set forth below.
- D. Contractors must contact the Building and/or Public Works Department for a pre-pour /installation inspection and post-pour/installation inspection of concrete and sandstone sidewalks and concrete aprons.
- E. Contractors must support and protect all structures, conduits, equipment and fixtures of all kinds, and all other public or private sidewalks, driveway aprons, tree lawns, tree roots, trees, landscaping and equipment and fixtures of all kinds, and all other public or private property. Contractor must repair or correct any damage caused to any such property. If a Contractor breaks or cracks any adjacent blocks of sandstone or concrete, the Contractor shall replace them. If a Contractor causes any chipping on adjacent blocks of sandstone or concrete, the Contractor shall have a two or three inch section along the edge saw cut to remove the chips and include that area in the replacement block.
- F. Contractors shall use every possible precaution to prevent injury to trees, shrubbery, landscaping and lawns which may be located on or near the site of the work along public right-of-ways or on private property and Contractor shall not be permitted to locate any equipment where it would interfere with or injure any trees, shrubbery, landscaping or lawns.
- G. All tree roots encountered during work shall be protected to avoid damage if at all possible. No tree roots may be cut without the approval of the Supervisor of Forestry of the Public Works Department. All roots greater than three-quarters inch ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") in diameter that are damaged shall be properly cut by accepted methods by the Forester and sealed with approved dressing to insure complete healing over.
- H. All sandstone in the public right-of-way is City property, and may not be taken by a contractor. The City's policy is to allow the owner of the property adjacent and contiguous to the sidewalk to keep the sandstone if they wish to keep it. Any sandstone not kept on the property of the owner adjacent and contiguous to the sidewalk where the sandstone or pieces of sandstone are being removed, must be returned to the City.

- I. Blocks of sidewalk of either sandstone or concrete shall be replaced with like-sized blocks, whether of sandstone or concrete. The minimum length size for blocks is 3 feet. Blocks of smaller size may be installed only if required by the space available or topography of the location. No block may be partially repaired or patched.
- J. Concrete Sidewalk installations shall require the area to be dug out to allow for 4 inches of concrete. Aprons shall have 6 inches. Commercial aprons require 8 inches of wire mesh.
- K. The City reserves the right to impose additional reasonable standards as circumstances warrant, and to address particular site conditions.
- L. No relay of broken sandstone is permitted.
- M. When replacing sandstone or concrete, the Contractor must saw-cut all blocks to assure a straight and neat edge.
- N. All debris, rubble, unusable material, and items not salvaged shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be removed from the site. The Contractor cannot wash concrete into the catch basin.
- O. The Contractor shall be responsible for restoring to its previous condition all site areas damaged during construction.

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