

Sidewalk Improvement District Program

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What is the Sidewalk Improvement District (SID) program?

The SID program reassigns the cost of sidewalk repairs and replacement from the adjacent property owner to a distribution among a greater portion of the community, as sidewalks are a benefit to, and are available for use, by all.

What are the benefits?

Benefits of the SID include:

1. A more understandable, predictable, convenient and affordable program for property owners.
2. Cost of a walkable community is distributed among all residents.
3. A more efficient program to administer.

What does this mean for property owners?

1. The responsibility for repairing sidewalks will shift from the adjacent property owner to the City's annual program.
2. The cost of repairing sidewalks will shift from the adjacent property owner to the Sidewalk Improvement Districts.
3. Property owners will pay a Sidewalk Improvement District assessment annually; there will be no surprise sidewalk fees.
 - A. In 2020, under the previous sidewalk maintenance program, property owners paid an average of \$854 for sidewalk repairs. It was common for properties to incur fees ranging from \$3,000-\$5,000.
 - B. The average anticipated residential rate under the new program is \$57 annually.
 - C. Properties with no existing pedestrian facilities abutting their property pay a 50% discounted rate based on their Land Use Code.

How does the program work?

The Sidewalk Improvement District program uses a map of Rochester divided into 21 individual project areas. These individual project areas are grouped into six larger districts. The cost of a project area is shared by property owners in the larger district over a span of five years. The program rotation brings a project to each district every five years and has every sidewalk in the city inspected every twenty years. (Due to its relatively high-volume use, there will be a sidewalk project in the Downtown district every 5 years. The Downtown District projects occur at the same time in the rotation as the NE District.) SID assessments are paid annually with property taxes.

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What is the timeline for the program?

- Fall: Public Works inspectors identify and mark sidewalk defects in the upcoming project area.
- Mid-Winter: City Council adopts an updated project area map, project budget and the 5-year assessment rate. Property owners within the upcoming project District receive notice of the SID assessment for the next five years.
- Spring: Construction

More information: www.rochestermn.gov/sidewalks or 507-328-2466

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