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## CITY OF APPLETON SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The Department of Public Works is charged with maintenance of the existing sidewalk network within city street right-of-way. This charge is met through the "Green Dot" Program, Street Reconstruction Programs and general notification of damaged sidewalk.

### INSPECTION CYCLE

The "Green Dot" Program is intended to provide for the ~~on-going~~ **periodic** inspection of the City's sidewalk network. Areas within the network will be inspected on a rotating basis, with the area size and frequency of inspection being ~~maximized based upon available budgeted funds~~ **determined by the Department of Public Works based upon available budgeted funds and similar resources.**

The downtown core area as designated on Exhibit "A" will be inspected annually.

Citizens are encouraged to report conditions that may qualify for repair or replacement to the Department of Public Works.

### REPAIR / REPLACEMENT CRITERIA

In order to sustain the safety of sidewalks in the City and avoid the development of unsafe conditions, sidewalks that meet any of the following criteria during an inspection will be subject to repair or replacement:

1.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " vertical differential between or within sidewalk sections
- ~~2. settled out of vertical alignment (more than 1" per foot from normal grade)~~
- ~~3-2. crack width of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " between or within sidewalk sections~~
- ~~4. sidewalk sections which are out of conformance with design grade to a degree that water ponds~~
- 5.3. broken corners greater than 3 inches in any direction

### RESPONSE TIME

All general notification of damaged sidewalk will be inspected and repaired, if necessary, within a reasonable amount of time.

### ASSESSMENTS

~~Effective upon completion of the first cycle of the "Green Dot" Program in 1999, all damaged sidewalk meeting the above criteria will be replaced at City cost.~~ **Sidewalk meeting the replacement criteria above will be replaced at City cost. Sidewalk sections which are out of conformance with design grade to a degree that water ponds, shall be replaced at City cost when part of a Total Street Reconstruction Program. Alternatively, property owners may elect to replace sections of sidewalk which are out of conformance with design grades to a degree that water ponds at their sole expense and with an approved City permit.**