

**POLICY 5.09**  
**SIDEWALK INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

**1.00 Introduction**

1.01 The City of Lakeville finds that it is in the best interest of the City to do the maintenance of its sidewalks. Not every irregularity in the surface of a sidewalk rises to the level of a defect. The City recognizes that some sidewalk conditions create unreasonable hazards for pedestrians and other sidewalk users.

**2.00 Sidewalk inspection procedures**

2.01 The procedures for regular sidewalk inspection will include:

- a An annual city wide sidewalk survey completed in the fall.
- b Criteria for determining whether the condition of a particular sidewalk requires replacement or repair will include, but not necessarily limited to, a deviation or difference in elevation greater than 1 inch, as determined at the time of inspection.

**3.00 Sidewalk replacement and repair**

3.01 Upon completion of the annual sidewalk survey, the Streets Superintendent or his/her designated employee shall establish a replacement and repair schedule. The sidewalk replacement and repair schedule will:

- a Take into consideration and weigh the following factors:
  - 1. Sidewalk location and amount of pedestrian traffic.
  - 2. Proximity of sidewalk identified as needing replacement or repair to other sidewalks needing replacement or repair.
  - 3. The nature and severity of the condition needing replacement or repair.
- b, How we replace or repair:
  - 1. Street staff will make repairs to offset joints and cracks by means of grinding to remove the tripping hazard.
  - 2. The City will use City employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide service of sidewalk replacement when warranted.