

Introduction of Revised Sidewalk Ordinance

City Council Meeting
March 3, 2026



Items to Discuss

- Background
- Brief overview of the sidewalk program
- Revised sidewalk ordinance
- Next steps
- Recommendation to introduce the proposed ordinance

Background

February 2025:
Launch of sidewalk
pilot program

January 6, 2026:
Collections Policy and
associated ordinance
adopted by City Council.
Sidewalk ordinance
proposed – City Council
gave direction to revise
and return

March 3, 2026:
Introduce revised
ordinance

Recent Program Changes and Pilot Program to Promote More Sidewalk Repair

- Temporary repair for all eligible conditions, not just those caused by a street tree, saving owners time and money.
- February 2025, pilot program launched to increase compliance for non-tree damaged sidewalk replacement:
 - Owners can elect City perform work and be invoiced.
 - Financial assistance available for hardship cases (full or partial coverage).
 - So far, over 70% participation rate in having the City do the work.



Proposed Revised Ordinance



Codifies City's authority to establish and administer a program, like the pilot program, that allows the City to perform required sidewalk repairs under a voluntary agreement and be reimbursed by the property owner.



Codifies City's ability to offer financial assistance at multiple points in the process

- at initial repair notification
- If City completes work due to non-responsiveness and issues an invoice



Codifies City's authority to offer payment plans.



Authorizes the City to initiate a collections process, in accordance with Collections Policy, in on delinquent accounts related to sidewalk repair costs.

Next Steps

March 3, 2026:
Introduce revised ordinance

March 17, 2026:
Second reading of ordinance

February 2027:
Report to City Council on sidewalk program pilot (2 years of implementation)

Staff Recommendation

Introduction of Ordinance Amending Alameda Municipal Code by Repealing Chapter XXII (Streets and Sidewalks), Article I (Streets), Section 22-3 (Repairs) in Its Entirety and Repealing and Replacing Chapter XXII (Streets and Sidewalks), Article II (Sidewalks), Sections 22-18 (Repair of Sidewalks and Other Works) and 22-20 (Specifications) to Amend the Sidewalk Repair Procedures and Make Other Technical Amendments

