

## Frequently Asked Questions - Sidewalks

***Why did I get a letter stating I need to repair/replace my sidewalks?***

Kiel municipal ordinance 8.02 details sidewalk construction and repair, as well as guidelines for the annual sidewalk inspection. It is the City’s responsibility to enforce the city ordinance, keep sidewalks in compliance, promote accessibility and public safety, as well as reduce accidents and liability.

***How do I know which sections of my sidewalk need to be repaired/replaced?***

Sidewalks are marked with either a pink or white dot. Pink indicates the section can be repaired or replaced, white indicates the section must be replaced. For further specifications on sidewalks that require repair or replacement, check out Kiel Municipal Ordinance 8.02(2) or see the below grid which details different types of sidewalk imperfections.

***Who will do the sidewalk work?***

Property owners may hire a private contractor to perform the work, do the work themselves, or opt to have the city contractor complete the work, and then be billed for it at a later date. Regardless of who fixes it, it’s important to communicate to the city

***When does my sidewalk have to be replaced/repared?***

Notice should be given to the City no later than December 1 indicating who will be performing the work. The sidewalk work must then be completed by August 15 of the following year. If either of these dates are missed, the city may by itself or by its agent perform the sidewalk repair/replacement and charge the cost of the work to the property owner.

***If either I or a contractor replaces my sidewalk, do I need a permit?***

Yes – a free sidewalk permit is required. They’re included in this mailing and also available at Kiel City Hall, 621 Sixth Street.

### Defective Sidewalk and Acceptable Repairs

Defect	Criteria	Repairs
<b>Vertical Displacement</b>	Raised edges between sidewalk slabs of 3/4 inches high or greater for 12 inches of joint	Replace
		Polyurethane mudjack
<b>Horizontal Displacement</b>	Gaps between slabs or cracks of greater than 1/2 inch for crack 3 inches or longer	Replace
		A level crack may be cleaned and filled with concrete epoxy
<b>Profile Variance</b>	Inconsistency in quality of surface over 4 inches per slab	Replace
		Polyurethane mudjack
<b>Inverse Slope</b>	Sunk sidewalk or consistently trapped water	Replace
		Polyurethane mudjack
<b>Surface Imperfections</b>	Greater than 50% of slab spalled; Or missing piece of 3 inches x 3 inches or greater; Or over 10 feet of cracks on slab	Replace
		Missing pieces up to 12 inches x 12 inches may be cleaned and filled with concrete epoxy

***Grinding or concrete overlays are NOT acceptable repairs***