

Legislation Text

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An Ordinance Of The City Hollywood, Florida, Amending Chapter 155 Of The Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Basic Land Improvement Code" To Revise The Regulations Relating To Sidewalk Repairs And Maintenance.

Infrastructure & Facilities

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Ordinance.

Explanation:

In 2002 the City's Code of Ordinance was changed to place responsibility of repair and maintenance of sidewalks onto the adjacent property owner. At that time, the City implemented a 50/50 Sidewalk Program that would allow the City to pay 50% of the reconstruction cost for sidewalks identified to be replaced. To participate in this Program property owners would need to specifically make a request and pay their portion of the cost of construction. Routine maintenance, such as pressure cleaning was and will continue to be the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Overtime administration of this program has become burdensome for staff, frustrating and confusing for residents and has not proven to be cost effective; mostly due to the amount of staff time required to schedule individual jobs, calculate and process payments, communicate with the public, etc. Additionally, the City is still legally responsible and liable for this maintenance. Recognizing these factors, the City Commission requested to discontinue the Program and have the City incur the full cost of all sidewalk repair.

Fiscal Impact:

This proposed Ordinance will be coordinated with the FY21 budget cycle, as additional funding and programing will be necessary (details forthcoming at that time.

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Azita Behmardi, PE, City Engineer Shiv Newaldass, Director, Development Services Gus Zambrano, AICP, Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development