

## Sidewalk Assessment Tool

STREET NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BLOCK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the following items by circling the corresponding number

*POOR*

*FAIR*

*GOOD*

Rate the levelness of the sidewalk. (i.e., not uneven, no heaves, no slanted surface).

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

3

Rate the sidewalk with respect to absence of items blocking the walkway (i.e., cars, trash dumpsters, furniture, construction debris, etc.).

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

3

Rate the condition of the sidewalk walking surface (i.e., no cracks, broken sections, grass and weeds growing through the concrete, etc.).

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

3

Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk (i.e., no litter, cans, bottles, wrappers, rocks, etc).

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

3

Rate the existence of bushes, trees, weeds, leaves, snow, ice that block the sidewalk. (i.e., overgrowth from neighboring lots, lack of routine maintenance)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

1

2

3

Total rating score (sum of ratings): \_\_\_\_\_

## Guidelines for Using the Sidewalk Assessment Tool

| Item                                                          | Not well maintained                                                                                                                                                                         | Somewhat well maintained                                                                                                                                                                                  | Well maintained                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Rate the levelness of the sidewalk                            | $\geq 1$ major heave OR major section misalignment ( $\geq 2$ inches high)                                                                                                                  | $\leq 3$ minor heaves OR minor section misalignments ( $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches high)                                                                                                                    | $\leq 1$ minor heave or minor section misalignment ( $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ inch high)                                                                                                                      |
| Rate the sidewalk with respect to items blocking the sidewalk | 1 object totally blocking the sidewalk OR $\geq 1$ object partially blocking ( $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ the width) the sidewalk                                                                   | $\leq 1$ object partially blocking the sidewalk                                                                                                                                                           | Nothing blocking the sidewalk                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Rate the existence of natural items on or in the walkway      | Major impediment ( $> \frac{1}{2}$ the width) from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice                                                                                        | Partial impediment ( $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ the width) from vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice                                                                                                           | No impediment from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice                                                                                                                                    |
| Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk†                         | $\leq 10$ small OR $\geq 5$ medium OR $\geq 1$ large item, etc.                                                                                                                             | $\leq 5$ small with $\leq 2$ medium OR $\leq 3$ medium with $\leq 1$ large OR $\leq 2$ large only, etc.                                                                                                   | $\leq 5$ small with $\leq 1$ medium OR $\leq 3$ medium only OR $\leq 1$ large only, etc.                                                                                                                |
| Rate the condition of the sidewalk surface‡                   | <i>In combination:</i> $> 10$ small, $> 3$ medium, $> 1$ large<br><br><i>Alone:</i> $> 15$ small, $> 5$ medium, $> 5$ large OR $\geq 4$ seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc. | <i>In combination:</i> $\leq 10$ small, $\leq 2$ medium $> 1$ large<br><br><i>Alone:</i> $\leq 12$ small, $\leq 5$ medium, $\leq 4$ large OR $\leq 3$ seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc. | <i>In combination:</i> $\leq 10$ small, $\leq 1$ medium, no large<br><br><i>Alone:</i> $\leq 10$ small, $\leq 3$ medium, $\leq 2$ large OR $\leq 2$ seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc. |

†Litter descriptions:

Small – ranges from cigarette butts to small chip bag  
 Medium – ranges from 12 oz. drink container to standard paper lunch bag  
 Large – 20 oz. drink container and larger

‡Sidewalk crack descriptions:

Small – up to 1/3 width of the sidewalk  
 Medium – up to 2/3 width of the sidewalk  
 Large – entire width of the sidewalk