

City of Clarence Sidewalk Assistance Program Guidelines

- A. The City shall create a fund of \$5,000 to be made available exclusively to private owner/occupants of real estate located within the City limits of the City of Clarence, Iowa. Real estate must be used exclusively for residential occupancy to qualify.
- B. Applications shall be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall on forms provided by the City. Completed application shall then be presented to the P & Z administrator for review and approval. Funds will be made available on a first come first served basis.
- C. Only one application per household may qualify.
- D. One application in a twelve-month calendar period may qualify.
- E. Only sidewalks located outside applicant's lot and property lines and inside the curb lines, running parallel with the adjacent street, shall qualify for program funds.
- F. Program funds shall be used solely to defray the cost of the concrete necessary for the replacement of such portions of existing sidewalks. A maximum grant of \$500.00 may be paid per applicant. No labor or other materials will be covered.
- G. Sidewalks qualifying for program funds shall be constructed pursuant to the specifications detailed in Chapter 136 Sidewalk Regulations in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clarence.
- H. Applicants shall have sixty (60) days from date of approval to complete work and request final inspection. The City Clerk may extend this period if circumstances warrant such an extension. Requests for an extension shall be submitted in writing to the City Clerk explaining the need for the extension.
- I. Program funds shall be disbursed directly to the property owner upon:
 - (1) Final inspection and approval of the work
 - (2) Certification to the City Clerk of the actual cost of the concrete necessary for the replacement of the sidewalk
 - (3) Proof the supplier of the concrete has been paid in full.

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SIDEWALK STANDARDS from chapter 136 (in-part)

1. Cement. Portland cement shall be the only cement used in the construction & repair of sidewalks.
2. Construction. Sidewalks shall be of one-course construction.
3. Sidewalk Base. Concrete may be placed directly on compact and well-drained soil. Where soil is not well drained, a three inch sub-base of compact, clean, coarse gravel, sand, or cinders shall be laid. The adequacy of the soil drainage is to be determined by the City.
4. Sidewalk Bed. The sidewalk bed shall be so graded that the constructed sidewalk will be at established grade.
5. Length, Width and Depth. Length, width and depth requirements are as follows: A. Residential sidewalks shall be at least four feet wide and four inches thick, and each section shall be no more than six feet in length.
6. Location. Residential sidewalks shall be located with the inner edge (edge nearest the abutting private property) one foot from the property line, unless the council establishes a different distance due to special circumstances.
7. Elevations. The street edge of a sidewalk shall be at an elevation even with the curb at the curb or not less than one-half inch above the curb for each foot between the curb and the sidewalk.
8. Slope. All sidewalks shall slope one-quarter inch per foot toward the curb.
9. Finish. All sidewalks shall be finished with a “broom” or “wood float” finish.
10. Ramps for Persons with Disabilities. There shall be not less than two curb cuts or ramps per lineal block which shall be located on or near the crosswalks at intersections. Each curb cut or ramp shall be at least thirty inches wide, shall be sloped at not greater than one inch of rise per twelve inches lineal distance, except that a slope no greater than one inch of rise per eight inches lineal distance may be used where necessary, shall have a nonskid surface, and shall otherwise be so constructed as to allow reasonable access to the crosswalk for persons with disabilities using the side walk.