



2019 SIDEWALK TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE REPAIR (“STAR”) CRITERIA

State Law and Aurora Codified Ordinances place the responsibility for the care, repair, and replacement of sidewalks on the property owner. However, the city will assist homeowners with up to 50% of the cost to repair or replace damaged sidewalks in a project bid by the city. The city has appropriated \$25,000 and shall determine a financial offset of up to 50% of the property owner’s cost to be matched by the city, on a case-by-case basis.

Applications are available at the Service Department located at 158 West Pioneer Trail, Aurora, Ohio 44202 or at www.auroraoh.com. Completed applications may be returned to the above address or emailed to stantonm@auroraoh.com.

To qualify, only sidewalks exhibiting the following issues shall be considered for the 2019 Sidewalk Transitional Assistance Repair Program (STAR):

1. **Sidewalks that exhibit differential sidewalk elevations**

Differentials typically occur at the joint between two sidewalk slabs. A differential consists of a lip or elevation difference at the joint and is measured along the vertical face of the joint. A differential sidewalk that exceeds 1/2” is a condition that warrants removal and replacement and may be caused by tree roots, trench settlements, or heavy weight placed on the sidewalks.

2. **Cracked or broken sidewalk with any of the following**

- a. Hairline or crazing (alligator cracking)
- b. Deteriorating joints (at least 4” long by 1” wide at any point)
- c. Spalled (chipped off) areas (at least 3” along any one side)

3. **Other surface condition issues**

- a. Pitted sidewalks with any pit larger than 1-1/2” and at least 1/2” deep

Process

- Residents who believe they may have any of the above issues should fill out STAR application and pay \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE Administrative Fee by June 1, 2019. This fee will be applied to the balance owed if the home owner qualifies for the STAR program; however, this amount will not be returned if homeowner opts not to participate.
- A representative from the city will come out to property to assess and measure sidewalks. It is preferred, but not required, that the property owner be home during this process.
- City will email quote to homeowner for homeowner’s written acceptance to proceed with work. The accepted quote shall be sent back to the office no later than June 17, 2019 so work can commence. Any quote not received back by this date will be considered VOID.
- Contractor will perform work as instructed.
- Before the project is started, the property owner will receive an invoice for payment in full. If payment is not received by July 1, 2019 the project will be considered VOID.