

1 **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA**
2 **Ordinance No. 2024 - 17**

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4 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-01 REGARDING THE**
5 **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 50/50 SIDEWALK FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND IN**
6 **THE CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**
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8 WHEREAS, the Common Council (“Council”) of the City of Hobart, Indiana (“City”)
9 has determined that the continuation and increased utilization of the 50/50 Sidewalk
10 Replacement Program (“Program”), established in 1993, is necessary to maintain and rehabilitate
11 public sidewalks adjacent to public property; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Council previously enacted Ordinance No. 2009-01 on January 7, 2009
14 which established by Ordinance as required by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, a special
15 non-reverting 50/50 Sidewalk Fund (“Fund”) for use of the Program for the City of Hobart; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Council, among other provisions, ordained that the Fund obtain its
18 revenues from cash donations of property owners in the City desiring to rehabilitate public
19 sidewalks adjacent to private property and from a local funding match appropriated from the
20 Riverboat Casino funds in an amount determined by the Common Council on an annual basis;
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23 WHEREAS, the Council, now in an effort to promote the use and expansion of the
24 Program, and increase and sustain the Fund for sidewalk repair, has determined that the Program
25 shall, in addition to match of Riverboat Casino funds, also be funded by a match from City
26 exaction fees which are designated by Hobart Municipal Code §32.38 Enhancement and
27 Improvement Fund as a non-reverting fund for use by the City for purposes of enhancement and
28 improvements; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the current need for the expansion of the Program
31 and desires to continue its efforts to improve City sidewalks.
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33 THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart as
34 follows:
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36 **SECTION ONE.** Section 2 and Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2009-01, are hereby
37 amended by striking all the former language and inserting the following new language:
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39 **Section 2.** The 50/50 Sidewalk shall obtain its revenues from cash donations of the
40 property owners in the city desiring to rehabilitate public sidewalks adjacent to private
41 property that are in disrepair and from a local funding match appropriated from the
42 Riverboat Casino funds and the Enhancement and Improvement Fund as referenced in
43 Hobart Municipal Code §32.38 in amounts determined by the Common Council on an
44 annual basis.
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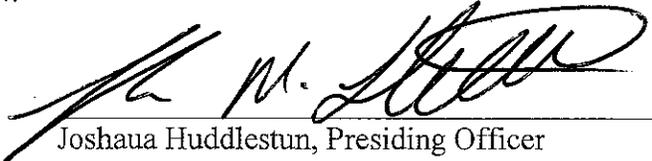
Section 4. Should it be determined in the future that the 50/50 Sidewalk Fund is no longer required or the program is discontinued by the City of Hobart, any remaining fund balance shall revert back to the Riverboat Casino Fund and the Enhancement and Improvement Fund of the City of Hobart as allocated, as miscellaneous revenue for use in accord with how each fund is appropriated, namely other considerations regarding infrastructure and necessary enhancement and improvement projects.

SECTION TWO: All other sections of Ordinance No. 2009-01 are affirmed.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption in the manner required by law.

SECTION FOUR: All ordinances or portions thereof in effect prior to the effective date and in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

ALL OF WHICH is PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 5th day of June, 2024.


Joshua Huddlestun, Presiding Officer

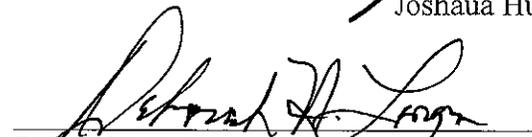
ATTEST: 
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 5th day of June, 2024 at the hour of 6:45 p.m.


Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 5th day of June, 2024.


Joshua Huddlestun, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer



Sidewalk Reimbursement Program 2024

The sidewalk reimbursement program is open to all residents and businesses in the City of Hobart. The program offers assistance to property owners in making necessary sidewalk repairs. As outlined in Chapter 94, Article 66 of the City of Hobart Municipal Code, the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks within the city is deemed to be that of abutting property owners. Participation in this program does not relieve the owner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalk properly.

The program is limited to sidewalks within the public right-of-way and may include the main walk, the sidewalk through a driveway, the existing courtesy walk (which runs perpendicular from the main sidewalk to the curb), and the existing landing steps (the small strip of concrete sometimes found adjacent to the curb). Sidewalks on private property qualify only if necessary for transition purposes and shall be at most 1 foot onto private property if adjacent sidewalks on the private property are not being replaced; otherwise, they are NOT eligible for reimbursement under the program. Owners on corner properties are responsible for sidewalks on the property's main address and non-address side.

Property owners must engage a licensed and bonded contractor approved by the City of Hobart to provide an estimate and perform the necessary work. Installations must be completed according to the City of Hobart specifications.

The application process requires completion of an application form along with a submission of the contractor's estimate. Approval notification will be issued within 10 business days. Upon receipt of approval, you may instruct your contractor to proceed. Upon completion of work, homeowners must provide a detailed contractor invoice to the Engineers Office, for verification against city standards. Any adjacent private sidewalks being replaced simultaneously must be shown as a separate line item/total on the estimate. Reimbursement payments will be processed by the City of Hobart within 60 days of approval, payable directly to the homeowner for the approved amount.

Contractors will need to apply for a building permit but the fees will be waived. The reimbursement does not include any cost for tree removal, irrigation equipment damage, or residential sidewalks on public property. The City of Hobart cannot guarantee the resolution of existing drainage issues.

Applications for the 2024 program will be taken on a first come first serve basis. The number of participants is based on the availability of funds. Once the program budget is met, the program will close for the year. Applications will be accepted through the Hobart Engineering Department. Applicants will be notified indicating whether they have been included in the 2024 sidewalk reimbursement program.

For additional questions regarding the program or construction please contact: the Hobart Engineering Department at hobeng@cityofhobart.or or 942-8271.

Sidewalk Reimbursement Program Application 2024

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contractor: _____

Contractor Address: _____

Contractor Phone: _____

Estimated Sidewalk Replacement:

LENGTH _____ (X) WIDTH _____ = _____ SQUARE FOOT

Must attach a copy of the contractor's estimate for application to be valid
Photos of sidewalk to be replaced are appreciated and speed up the approval time.

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Signature of Resident: _____

Submit form to: hobeng@cityofhobart.org or Hobart City Hall at 414 Main St.

CITY USE ONLY:

TOTAL SQUARE FEET _____ (X) 9%= _____ SQUARE YARDS

ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT \$ _____

FAQ'S

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN I MAKE WITH THIS PROGRAM?

The program reimburses property owners for only the replacement of sidewalks in the public right of way. The reimbursement does not include any cost for tree removal, irrigation equipment damage, or residential sidewalks on public property. The City of Hobart cannot guarantee the resolution of existing drainage issues.

WHICH CONTRACTOR SHOULD I USE?

The City cannot recommend contractors for work. Contractors do, however, need to be licensed and bonded. To check whether a contractor is licensed and bonded with the City of Hobart, please call the Building Department at 219-942-1722.

CAN I STILL APPLY IF I'VE ALREADY HAD WORK DONE?

Any work started or completed before the application is approved will not qualify for the reimbursement program.

 219-942-8271

 hobeng@cityofhobart.org

 414 Main Street, Hobart, IN 46342



2024 SIDEWALK REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

MAYOR JOSH HUDDLESTUN

ABOUT

The City of Hobart sidewalk reimbursement program assists property owners in making necessary sidewalk repairs to sidewalks abutting their property. Per Chapter 94, Article 66 of the City of Hobart Municipal Code, the responsibility for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks within the City is deemed to be that of abutting property owner.

APPLICATION

The application process requires completion of an application form along with a submission of the contractor's estimate. Approval notification will be issued within 10 business days. Upon receipt of approval, you may instruct your contractor to proceed. Upon completion of work, homeowners must provide a detailed contractor invoice to the Engineers Office, for verification against city standards. Reimbursement payments will be processed by the City of Hobart within 60 days of approval, payable directly to the homeowner for the approved amount.

2024

REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT

4-INCH PUBLIC WALK	6-INCH THROUGH DRIVEWAY
\$39 PER SQUARE YARD	\$50 PER SQUARE YARD
\$4.39 PER SQUARE FOOT	\$5.56 PER SQUARE FOOT

PROCESS



Project Estimate

Contact a contractor who is licensed and bonded through the City of Hobart, for a written estimate on sidewalk repair work.



Application

You will find the application by visiting the cityofhobart.org and navigating to Engineering under the Departments tab. Fill out the application and include the contractor's estimate with your submission. Email the application and contractor's estimate to hobeng@cityofhobart.org or drop it off at the Engineers Office in City Hall at 414 Main Street.



Pre-Approval

The City will complete a pre-construction inspection of the project and give pre-approval within 10 business days of receiving the application.



Permits & Construction

Instruct the contractor to get the proper permit from the Building Department. All permit fees will be waived. Once the permit is obtained work can be done.



Reimbursement

Provide a detailed contractor's invoice to the Engineering Office. Upon a successful inspection, a reimbursement payment will be processed within 60 days based upon number of submissions and board meeting schedule.