

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

From the Lyndhurst Codified Ordinance: Safety, Sanitation and Health.

Section 660.05 DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN.

- (a) No owner or occupant of abutting lands shall fail to keep the sidewalks, curbs or gutters in repair and free from snow, ice or any nuisance.

Homeowners and or tenants are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in front of their home. Every year, we receive complaints from walkers, joggers, bike riders, dog walkers, etc, about an unsafe sidewalk. In many instances, the unsafe condition caused an injury which resulted in a lawsuit against the homeowner. When this happens, the city is usually brought in to the suit.

These suits can be quite costly to defend against even though you most likely have home insurance with coverage. And even though one may have coverage, it can mean unnecessary time in court, loss of wages and be just plain aggravating. And some of the injuries we have been made aware of have been quite severe.

We would ask that each of you take a critical look at your sidewalks and ask; Are my walks in a condition that would be safe for persons of all ages to walk, run, or otherwise use as they are there for? If not, then we would ask that you make the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Lyndhurst is again inspecting sidewalks in designated sections of the city. Notices will be sent to those owners whose sidewalks are found to be in need of repair. You will be given an opportunity to choose your own contractor to make the repairs. The notice will specify a date by which the repairs need to be completed. Those properties not repaired, will be placed on a list and the work bid out by the City Engineer. The work will be done and the homeowner will be billed. An administrative fee will be added to each bill.

Please do your part in keeping our sidewalks safe. Thank you