

CITY OF LUDINGTON VOLUNTEER SIDEWALK PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The City of Ludington's volunteer sidewalk program is designed to provide homeowners with the opportunity to improve the condition of their sidewalk or install sidewalk where none previously existed with a 50/50 program.

- (1) *Measurement.* Once the homeowner has contacted the City of Ludington, the Department of Public Works will measure the sidewalk for replacement or installation of sidewalk where none previously existed.
- (2) *Payment Options.* The homeowner is contacted with the cost to complete the replacement or new installation. The City of Ludington and the homeowner each pay for 50% of the total cost.
 - (a) The homeowner may pay for their portion before replacement or new installation begins.
 - (b) The homeowner may make two payments, with half due before the replacement or new installation begins, and the second payment is due the following June 1st with 6% interest added onto the second payment.
 - (c) The homeowner may add their portion to their property taxes in two installments with an additional six percent per annum. The first installment will be added to the winter taxes of the year the replacement or new installation takes place, and the second installment will be added to the summer taxes of the following year.

NOTE: If the property owner chooses to do the replacement or new installation themselves or hire their own contractor, then the cost is 100% the property owner's responsibility, and City specifications must be followed.

- (3) *Permit.* A permit is drawn according to the option the homeowners choose for payment. All persons owning an interest in the property need to sign the permit.
- (4) *Proceed with Replacement or New Installation.* Once payment is received and the permit signed, the work order is given to the contractor for replacement or new installation. Once the contractor has received the work order, it has (30) thirty days to complete the work.