

CITY OF CHENEY
SIDEWALK INSTALLATION/REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 2024

I POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Cheney values pedestrian safety for its residents. K.S.A. 12-1809 of the Kansas Statutes mandate that property owners keep sidewalks in good repair. Chapter 13, Article 1 of the Cheney City Codes speaks directly to sidewalks, replacement and construction. For this reason, the Cheney City Council feels it is a benefit to all citizens for sidewalks to be in good condition. Therefore, this policy promotes sidewalk improvements and assists financially with such projects.

II PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assist property owners with the installation of new sidewalks that connect to existing sidewalks as well as replacing sidewalks in disrepair. This policy establishes guidelines and requirements for monetary assistance of costs associated with these activities.

Objectives include:

- ❖ Promote the installation of new sidewalks in areas where sidewalks have not existed to enhance pedestrian safety.
- ❖ To promote the replacement of dangerous and unsafe existing sidewalks which will reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians utilizing the sidewalk.

III POLICY

The City Administrator may award grants to property owners which meet the following criteria:


Criteria for consideration of a sidewalk grant:

- ❖ The City of Cheney will reimburse property owners for sixty-seven percent of the cost of public sidewalk, located in the street easement, installation/replacement up to \$750.00 per building lot frontage.
- ❖ Reimbursement will occur based on reasonable bid and invoice from a contractor or homeowner. Reasonable bids will be based on measurements and determined by the City Superintendent. Measurements will be rounded to the nearest foot. This policy applies to only projects undertaken within the 2024 calendar year unless approved in 2023, but not constructed.
- ❖ Sidewalk replacements will receive priority and awarded funds first.
- ❖ Grants will be awarded on a first come basis. The City reserves the right to prioritize some replacements based on severity and need for replacement.
- ❖ Requests in 2024 not funded may receive priority for 2025 if the program continues.
- ❖ If funds are available after all replacement requests have been filled, new sidewalks will be considered on a first come basis.
- ❖ New sidewalks must link to existing sidewalks.
- ❖ Sidewalk construction must comply with Cheney city codes regarding specifications for 5' sidewalks, unless conditions exist, and sidewalk replacement shall be constructed to

existing sidewalk width. Prior approval required from City Superintendent for construction less than 5' wide.

- ❖ The City will pay for the installation of ADA approaches on corner lots and make those arrangements.
- ❖ A permit is required for sidewalk installations and must be approved by the City building inspector.
- ❖ Applications are accepted and approved throughout the year and must be received at City Hall by November 1, 2024 for consideration.
- ❖ Construction must be completed by December 16th, 2024 and an invoice submitted to City Hall to receive payment.
- ❖ Payment will be made by check on the regular payment schedule for the City.
- ❖ The City of Cheney reserves the right to refuse projects based on:
 - condition of the sidewalk upon final inspection as determined by the City Superintendent
 - Non-compliance with City Code and/or this policy through the installation process
 - Depletion of funding for the program due to amount of applicant or available funds
- ❖ All bad sections or the entire sidewalk must be included in the application.
- ❖ Owner of property abutting a sidewalk is responsible for all maintenance of said sidewalk and accountable for all City Code Enforcement notices, regardless of grant approval. The applicant/owner is not relieved from any liability for future replacement, repair, maintenance or keeping sidewalk clear along the applicant's property.
- ❖ Program only applies to public sidewalks. Sidewalks that lead to a house are not eligible.

Adopted this 11th day of January 2024 by the Cheney City Council.


Philip Mize, Mayor


ANGIE GASSMANN, City Clerk