

Sidewalk Assessment Tool

STREET NAME _____

BLOCK NUMBER _____

Rate the following items by circling the corresponding number

POOR

FAIR

GOOD

Rate the levelness of the sidewalk. (i.e., not uneven, no heaves, no slanted surface).

Comments: _____

1

2

3

Rate the sidewalk with respect to absence of items blocking the walkway (i.e., cars, trash dumpsters, furniture, construction debris, etc.).

Comments: _____

1

2

3

Rate the condition of the sidewalk walking surface (i.e., no cracks, broken sections, grass and weeds growing through the concrete, etc.).

Comments: _____

1

2

3

Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk (i.e., no litter, cans, bottles, wrappers, rocks, etc).

Comments: _____

1

2

3

Rate the existence of bushes, trees, weeds, leaves, snow, ice that block the sidewalk. (i.e., overgrowth from neighboring lots, lack of routine maintenance)

Comments: _____

1

2

3

Total rating score (sum of ratings): _____

Guidelines for Using the Sidewalk Assessment Tool

Item	Not well maintained	Somewhat well maintained	Well maintained
Rate the levelness of the sidewalk	≥ 1 major heave OR major section misalignment (≥ 2 inches high)	≤ 3 minor heaves OR minor section misalignments ($\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches high)	≤ 1 minor heave or minor section misalignment ($\leq \frac{1}{2}$ inch high)
Rate the sidewalk with respect to items blocking the sidewalk	1 object totally blocking the sidewalk OR ≥ 1 object partially blocking ($\leq \frac{1}{2}$ the width) the sidewalk	≤ 1 object partially blocking the sidewalk	Nothing blocking the sidewalk
Rate the existence of natural items on or in the walkway	Major impediment ($> \frac{1}{2}$ the width) from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice	Partial impediment ($\leq \frac{1}{2}$ the width) from vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice	No impediment from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice
Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk†	≤ 10 small OR ≥ 5 medium OR ≥ 1 large item, etc.	≤ 5 small with ≤ 2 medium OR ≤ 3 medium with ≤ 1 large OR ≤ 2 large only, etc.	≤ 5 small with ≤ 1 medium OR ≤ 3 medium only OR ≤ 1 large only, etc.
Rate the condition of the sidewalk surface‡	<i>In combination:</i> > 10 small, > 3 medium, > 1 large <i>Alone:</i> > 15 small, > 5 medium, > 5 large OR ≥ 4 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.	<i>In combination:</i> ≤ 10 small, ≤ 2 medium > 1 large <i>Alone:</i> ≤ 12 small, ≤ 5 medium, ≤ 4 large OR ≤ 3 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.	<i>In combination:</i> ≤ 10 small, ≤ 1 medium, no large <i>Alone:</i> ≤ 10 small, ≤ 3 medium, ≤ 2 large OR ≤ 2 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.

†Litter descriptions:

Small – ranges from cigarette butts to small chip bag
 Medium – ranges from 12 oz. drink container to standard paper lunch bag
 Large – 20 oz. drink container and larger

‡Sidewalk crack descriptions:

Small – up to 1/3 width of the sidewalk
 Medium – up to 2/3 width of the sidewalk
 Large – entire width of the sidewalk