### Sidewalk Assessment Tool

**STREET NAME** ________________________________  **BLOCK NUMBER** ________________________________

*Rate the following items by circling the corresponding number*

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<th>POOR</th>
<th>FAIR</th>
<th>GOOD</th>
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- **Rate the levelness of the sidewalk.** (i.e., not uneven, no heaves, no slanted surface).
  
  Comments: ________________________________________________________

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

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

- **Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk** (i.e., no litter, cans, bottles, wrappers, rocks, etc).
  
  Comments: ________________________________________________________

- **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: ________________________________________________________

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Total rating score (sum of ratings): ________

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## Guidelines for Using the Sidewalk Assessment Tool

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<th>Not well maintained</th>
<th>Somewhat well maintained</th>
<th>Well maintained</th>
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<td>Rate the levelness of the sidewalk</td>
<td>≥ 1 major heave OR major section misalignment (≥ 2 inches high)</td>
<td>≤ 3 minor heaves OR minor section misalignments (½ to 2 inches high)</td>
<td>≤ 1 minor heave or minor section misalignment (≤ ½ inch high)</td>
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<td>Rate the sidewalk with respect to items blocking the sidewalk</td>
<td>1 object totally blocking the sidewalk OR ≥ 1 object partially blocking (≤ ½ the width) the sidewalk</td>
<td>≤ 1 object partially blocking the sidewalk</td>
<td>Nothing blocking the sidewalk</td>
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<td>Rate the existence of natural items on or in the walkway</td>
<td>Major impediment (&gt; ½ the width) from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice</td>
<td>Partial impediment (≤ ½ the width) from vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice</td>
<td>No impediment from overgrown vegetation, grass, leaves, snow, or ice</td>
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<td>Rate the cleanliness of the sidewalk†</td>
<td>≤ 10 small OR &gt; 5 medium OR &gt; 1 large item, etc.</td>
<td>≤ 5 small with ≤ 2 medium OR ≤ 3 medium with ≤ 1 large OR ≤ 2 large only, etc.</td>
<td>≤ 5 small with ≤ 1 medium OR ≤ 3 medium only OR ≤ 1 large only, etc.</td>
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<td>Rate the condition of the sidewalk surface‡</td>
<td>In combination: &gt; 10 small, &gt; 3 medium, &gt; 1 large</td>
<td>In combination: ≤ 10 small, ≤ 2 medium &gt; 1 large</td>
<td>In combination: ≤ 10 small, ≤ 1 medium, no large</td>
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<td>Alone: &gt; 15 small, &gt; 5 medium, &gt; 5 large OR &gt; 4 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.</td>
<td>Alone: ≤ 12 small, ≤ 5 medium, ≤ 4 large OR ≤ 3 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.</td>
<td>Alone: ≤ 10 small, ≤ 3 medium, ≤ 2 large OR ≤ 2 seams or cracks overgrown with weeds or grass, etc.</td>
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†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