3.010 Sidewalk and Shared-Use Path Maintenance Responsibility.

The City shall be responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and shared-use paths in the following instances:

(1) Where shared-use paths are located along collector and arterial streets in residential districts and there are no bike facilities present or dedicated;

(2) Where shared-use paths contain City utility facilities as allowable under Section 10.384;

(3) Where concrete sidewalks in residential zoning districts are installed in the right-of-way in lieu of shared-use paths required under Section 10.503; and

(4) Where shared-use paths serve as recreational facilities and are dedicated and accepted as recreational facilities by the City.

In all other instances, abutting property owners are responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks and shared-use paths. The owners of property within the city shall inspect and maintain all sidewalks abutting their property in a condition safe for use by the public at all times. If any property owner, by the owner's neglect to perform any duty required by this section, causes injury or damage to any person or property, the property owner shall be liable to the person suffering such injury or damage and shall indemnify the city for all damages it has been compelled to pay in such case. Such damages may be collected in a civil action against the property owner.

[Amd. Sec. 1, Ord. No. 2008-117, Jul. 2, 2008; Amd. Sec. 1, Ord. No. 2020-151, Dec. 3, 2020.]

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