

VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1136

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN, BROWN COUNTY, OHIO AND
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1097

WHEREAS, by ordinance, property owners are completely responsible for maintaining the sidewalks adjacent to their property which includes sidewalks that run along public streets; and

WHEREAS, well maintained sidewalks provide for pedestrian safety and reduce property owner liability; and

WHEREAS, well maintained sidewalks improve the appearance of neighborhoods and increase property values; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Georgetown desires to institute a program to encourage property owners to repair sidewalks that are currently in disrepair;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio, a majority or more of all members thereof concurring, that:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created within the Village of Georgetown a Sidewalk Improvement Program on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The Sidewalk Improvement Program is hereby initially funded by the Village of Georgetown in the amount of \$10,000.00 as matching funds appropriated from the street fund of the Village of Georgetown for the purposes hereinafter set forth. When such funds are exhausted, the Sidewalk Improvement Program shall end unless additional funds are appropriated by the Council of the Village of Georgetown for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 3. Participation in the Sidewalk Improvement Program will entitle qualified applicants to be reimbursed by the Village of Georgetown for the costs of sidewalk improvements on a 50/50 matching basis up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for each individual property owner's request per lot, up to three lot requests per year. Example:

- (1) \$1,000.00 of work gets \$500.00 match from the Village and costs the property owner \$500.00;
- (2) \$2,000.00 of work gets \$1,000.00 match from the Village and costs the property owner \$1,000.00; and
- (3) \$3,000.00 of work gets \$1,000.00 match from the Village and costs the property owner \$2,000.00.

SECTION 4. Sidewalks will be rated by the Village of Georgetown on a scale of 0 through 5 with 5 representing the most severe damage. As part of the program, sidewalk sections will be scored 0 through 5 and the individual projects ranked according to the total score. Sidewalk sections ranked 5, 4, or 3 will qualify for repair as funds become available. Sidewalks rated 0, 1, or 2 will not qualify for matching funds by the scoring but will be included to determine rankings for funding if additional funds are made available or if sufficient funds remain available due to lack of participation by property owners scoring 5, 4, or 3. Property owners whose sidewalks are not selected for repair due to the lack of funding are encouraged to proceed with the project on their own or wait for additional funding. **Reimbursement will not be issued for work completed without prior approval.** Driveway approaches and aprons are not eligible for matching funds except to the extent that the sidewalk is part of the driveway approach or apron.

SECTION 5. Property owners within the Village of Georgetown shall be eligible for participation in the project. A property owner must complete the following steps in order to gain consideration for matching funds:

(A) Submit a completed Sidewalk Improvement Program Application along with an estimate from a qualified contractor to the Village of Georgetown on or before the last day of March (for Round 1) and on or before the last day of August (for Round 2). If such date falls on a non-business day, the applicant shall have until the next business day. If all of the funds are used in Round 1 projects, there will be no Round 2 projects approved unless additional funds are appropriated as provided in Section One of this Ordinance.

(B) The Village will rate and approve/disapprove the project. If approved, the Village will assign a deadline for project completion and final payment submission. If not approved, the project may be resubmitted based on future funding.

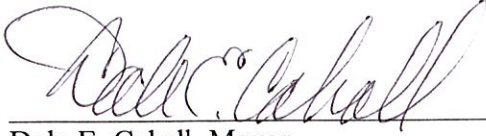
(C) Upon approval, work may commence. Once completed, submission of a final invoice of completed work must be submitted to the Village. This invoice should show the completion of the project and the final project dollar amount. This invoice must be from the approved contractor.

(D) The Village will inspect the completed project. All sidewalk repair and replacement work must comply with sidewalk specifications of the Village of Georgetown in order to be approved.

(E) The approved portion of the project shall be compensated in a 50/50 matching format up to \$1,00.00 in Village funds. The approved amount will then be mailed to the property owner in a timely manner. The property owner is responsible for payment of the contractor.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after the earliest date allowed by law, to wit, thirty (30) days after the passage of this Ordinance.

PASSED: May 23, 2013



Dale E. Cahall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Natalie K R Newberry
Natalie Newberry, Fiscal Officer