

City of Columbus

Guidelines for Reimbursing Property Owners for Curb Repair and Replacement

Great cities have great neighborhoods with good streets and sidewalks that add to the quality of life. The City of Columbus strives to build and maintain quality infrastructure within the public right-of-way that is compliant with City requirements and goals. Curbs must be built and repaired according to standards so that motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists are legally and safely accommodated.

The condition of existing curb is evaluated for repair/replacement when a street is resurfaced or reconstructed. If a property owner desires repair of existing curb prior to a planned resurfacing, the Curb Reimbursement Program is available to help property owners achieve this goal. The annual funding for the reimbursement program is limited; as such, approval depends on the funding available in the program that year. This program is intended for use by individual residential property owners, not business/commercial properties, entire streets or neighborhoods.



Good curbing will:

- ◆ Direct stormwater to catch basins
- ◆ Hold sidewalk in place and adds strength to the sidewalk if no tree lawn exists
- ◆ Strengthen pavement so it lasts longer
- ◆ Help delineate pavement edges and improve visibility for drivers
- ◆ Add visual appeal and monetary value to neighborhoods



Department of Public Service
Department of Infrastructure Management
111 North Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
<http://PublicService.Columbus.gov>

For application and additional details:

Call: 614-645-0618
Email: kaoharra@columbus.gov

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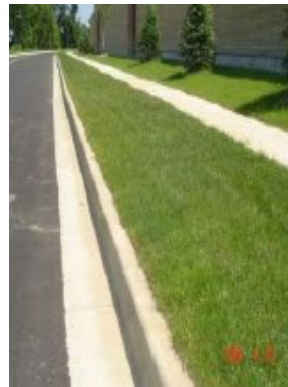
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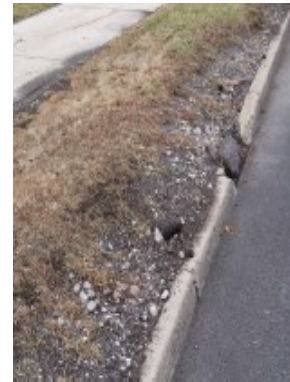
Steps to follow in order to be reimbursed for curb repairs and replacement:

- 1) Property owner or their representative contacts the Department of Public Service, Division of Infrastructure Management (614) 645-0618, to request an application, prior to starting any curb work.
- 2) Property owner sends application via e-mail to kaoharra@columbus.gov or mail to Department of Public Service, Division of Infrastructure Management, 111 North Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Please include property owner's name and address, daytime telephone and address of damaged City curb.
- 3) City personnel inspects curb prior to removal and reviews for project conflict in order to qualify for reimbursement program.
- 4) **City personnel notifies property owner if the damaged curb qualifies for reimbursement program and if approved.** The approved application is valid for 120 days. After 120 days the property owner must resubmit for reimbursement to ensure funding availability.
- 5) Once the section of curb has been deemed eligible for reimbursement, the property owner must next seek estimates from 3 different licensed and bonded contractors itemizing the cost per linear foot to replace curb. The City will reimburse at the lowest rate up to \$110.00 per linear foot. A no-cost permit must be obtained by the contractor or property owner prior to starting any work. The permit can be obtained online at <https://ca.columbus.gov/ca/>.
- 6) Property owner pays the contractor in full for the job and then provides the City with a copy of ALL 3 COST ESTIMATES itemizing the linear foot cost for curb replacement along with a receipt or proof of payment. **Failure to submit a receipt and all 3 estimates will result in a denied reimbursement.** The City confirms all the required information has been submitted and arranges for a final inspection.
- 7) Reimbursement is processed. If the repair/replacement is approved, then a check is sent to the property owner. Normal reimbursement time is 4-6 weeks. Current reimbursement rate is up to \$110.00 per lineal foot of approved curbing. This rate is evaluated from time to time and adjusted to stay in line with the industry standard.

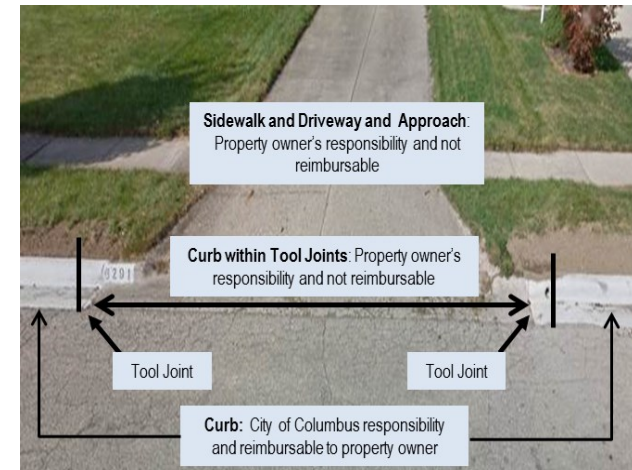
Ideal Curb Examples



Reimbursable Curb Examples



City of Columbus and property owner's curb and sidewalk responsibilities per Columbus City Code



Columbus City Code 905.06 - Sidewalk, shared-use path and driveway entrance maintenance and repair:

"The abutting private property owner of record shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of all sidewalks, shared-use paths and driveway entrances within the abutting right-of-way or easement for any improved or unimproved street, alley, or other public way within the city, which provides access around, in, or to said private property. For driveway entrances, this includes any curb, to the nearest tool joint, constructed as a part of, or to accommodate the driveway entrance. This shall include dropped curb, mountable curb, combination curb and gutter or other curb condition at the street entrance to the approach as well as any flairs and radii of the driveway approach."

Definitions

Right-of-Way: A transportation corridor with the right to build and operate a road, sidewalk, shared-use path, install utility and any other use defined by City Council on land belonging to the City.

Tool Joint: Nearest joint within concrete curb on either side of driveway.

Columbus City Code 905.06 and process applies to residential driveways, commercial driveways and private streets.