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CRITERIA FOR HAZARDOUS OR DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Criteria for Hazardous or Defective Sidewalks

Any of the following conditions, if not corrected, may be designated as a defective or hazardous sidewalk under provisions of Section 49-119 of the Revised Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver:

1. Missing sections of sidewalk.

2. Non-conformity to grade defined as either:
   (a) a difference in elevation between adjoining sections of sidewalk or opposing edges of any fissures (cracks) on the sidewalk surface of three-fourths (3/4) of an inch or more; or
   (b) excessive slope consisting of cross-slopes greater than 5.0%.

3. Unstable walking surface due to defects on the surface such as fissures that have created a gap of three-fourths (3/4) of an inch or more, spalled finish conditions that create an unstable walking surface, or incomplete sections due to missing corners or pieces of the sidewalk section. Flagstone walks will not be considered hazardous based on 2-inch gaps between stones so long as grout or sand and gravel fill the gaps to within ¼-inch of the surface. Large gaps adjacent to flagstone will require color to match or grey concrete to fill the gap.

4. Section 2(a) and 3 shall apply to the sidewalk zone crossing driveways.


The Department of Public Works, City Engineer's Office has additional information that may be needed. The information includes Standard Construction Specifications and Drawings and Standard Specifications for Construction, General Contract Conditions. The City Engineer's Office is located at 201 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80202.

The Public Works Rules and Regulations, Criteria for Hazardous or Defective Sidewalks, previously adopted October 15, 1993, are hereby repealed and replaced by these rules and regulations.