



DELANCO TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES **NEW RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK REPAIR** **REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

(For Sidewalks Heaved 1 Inch or More by Township-owned Shade Trees)



ATTENTION DELANCO RESIDENTS:

Did you know that Delanco Township now offers a 50% reimbursement program to Delanco residents for the repair of residential sidewalk panels which were damaged and heaved 1 inch or more by Township-owned shade trees?

The reimbursement program was established by Ordinance 2017-5 by the Delanco Township Committee under Township Code Chapter 240, (available for view under the Government--Ordinance tabs on the Township website: www.delancotownship.com OR click here: [Ordinance 2017-5, Section 240-3.1](#)).

The Basics of the Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Program include:

- 50% reimbursement is available for sidewalk panels determined to have been damaged by Township-owned shade trees up to \$100.00/per panel (current established reimbursement amount).
EXAMPLE 1. Total cost per sidewalk panel is \$150.00. Reimbursement = \$75.00 (50%) per panel
EXAMPLE 2. Total cost per sidewalk panel is \$250.00. Reimbursement = \$100.00 (max amt.) per panel
- For the purpose of reimbursement calculations, a sidewalk panel shall be considered four feet (4') in length.
- A request for reimbursement **MUST** be made to the Township **BEFORE** any sidewalk repair work is done. (Click here for the: [Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Form](#)). *Sidewalk repairs made before submission of form and inspection by Township Official shall not be eligible for reimbursement program.*
- Contractor's cost proposal/invoice **MUST SHOW THE PER PANEL COST – NOT JUST LUMP SUM** as other panel repair work not affected by Township-owned shade trees may also be included in the proposal/invoice.
- Upon receipt of the Reimbursement Request Form, the Delanco Township Official shall inspect and make a determination as to whether a Township-owned shade tree is a contributing factor and the number of panels involved.
- The applicant must submit a request to the Delanco Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) to determine how to deal with the existing Township-owned shade tree(s) causing sidewalk damage. The request could be for tree removal, root cutting or trimming, "ramping" of the sidewalk panels or a "diversion" where possible.
- Once the DSTC approves the plan for the tree, a Sidewalk Replacement/Repair Permit must be obtained from the Township.
- The Township cannot guarantee that the tree stump will be removed prior to replacing the sidewalk pads. The property owner and/or their contractor may remove the tree stump at the property owner's expense.
- Once inspected by the Township, before and after the repair work is completed, and a copy of the required concrete delivery ticket is submitted, the Township shall schedule reimbursement from municipal funds.

For more information, call the Delanco Township Municipal Office at 856-461-0561.