

ITEM #: 46b
DATE: 05/09/23
DEPT: ADMIN

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NUISANCE ASSESSMENT - SIDEWALK REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

BACKGROUND:

Property owners are required by law to maintain the sidewalks abutting their properties. When unsafe conditions are brought to the City's attention, the property owner is notified of the need to repair or replace the unsafe section. If the sidewalk safety issue is still not addressed, the City arranges for the sidewalk to be repaired or replaced. The cost of that work is then assessed to the property owner.

A contractor hired by the City has repaired and/or replaced a sidewalk on the property listed below. Also shown is the name and address and the costs associated with the sidewalk work. A bill for this work has been mailed to the property owner and, to date, the bill has not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing has been mailed to the property owner.

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| Sylvia McCormick | \$165.00 |
| 2823 Arbor Street | |
| Ames, IA 50014 | |
| Sidewalk replacement/repair for property located at 2823 Arbor St | |
| Work performed in July 2022 | |

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the assessment of costs to the property owner shown above. The City Clerk's Office will file the assessments with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes as provided for by the *Code of Iowa*.
2. Do not certify this cost to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City's longstanding policy is to require abutting property owners to maintain sidewalks adjacent to their properties. When that is not done, the City maintains safe public passage by carrying out the repairs or replacement and by then assessing those costs to the respective property owners.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.