

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- Why do I have to pay for curb, sidewalk & drive approach?
  - As with most communities, Kettering property owners are responsible for the sidewalk, curbs and drive approaches abutting their properties. In Ohio, state law provides for this practice on the premise that property owners get the most benefit from these items because they are available for their use, and it enhances the value of their property.
- How often does the City do this program in my neighborhood?
  - The goal is to cover every area of the city within a 20 to 25 year period.
- What if I want more work to be done?
  - Call and schedule a meeting with the engineer or inspector so that the additional work can be marked. Also, a form will need to be signed for the acceptance of additional work with corresponding cost.
- Is there another option to fix trip hazards other than removal and replacement?
  - Yes, you do have the option of horizontal saw cutting and grinding. Similar to removal and replacement, a right of way permit will be required for this work. See attached draft specification for further detail.
- Can I hire my own contractor?
  - Yes, you have two options to complete the necessary repairs: hire your own contractor, or have the City's contractor do the work. See green sheet for further detail.
- When will work begin and end?
  - See attached estimated timeline.
- When will I get my final bill?
  - The bill will be sent in the spring of 2025.
- What are my payment options?
  - Pay the amount in full, or have the cost added, as an assessment, to your property tax bill (paid to Montgomery County). See green sheet for further detail.
- Are there any assistance programs for those that are on a fixed income?
  - Yes, the option to add the cost to your Montgomery County property tax bill over a period of one to ten years, depending on the amount of your assessment.
- What is the interest rate for the assessment?
  - The interest rate is determined at the time the project is authorized by Council using the City's borrowing rate plus the County collection fee of 5%.
- Can I pay with a credit card?
  - No, payment to the City of Kettering must be paid in cash or check.
- What if I sell my home before the work is complete and/or before the bill is paid?
  - The assessment information should be given to your realtor. However, if the bill is placed on your property tax it will stay with the property and become the responsibility of the new home owner.