

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

Policy No. 32
General Subject: Public Works
Specific Subject: Parkway Repairs
Date Approved: June 19, 1995

PURPOSE

To establish the City's policy for the restoration of parkways following the installation or repair of City utilities.

RATIONALE

Residents, in an effort to beautify their property, have designed creative and decorative driveways, service walks, and carriage walks consisting of various materials other than concrete, or in combination with concrete, on the City's right-of-way. To assist in the maintenance of their parkway lawns, many residents have installed underground sprinkling systems in the parkway. Many of the City's utilities exist in the City parkway. Repairs to our buried utilities result in damage to the public parkway including driveways, walks, etc. The City restores the parkways to the original condition following the completion of repairs. However, with the expanding use of other materials in lieu of concrete, the cost for restoration will result in higher repair costs, and in some cases because of the uniqueness of the material used, the City may be not be able to restore to the original condition.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. The City or its contractors shall restore all existing grass parkways with grass using either seed or sod as appropriate for the site.
2. The City shall restore all driveways with either asphalt or concrete and all walks and curbs with concrete.
3. Driveways, walks and curbs consisting of materials other than concrete shall be replaced with concrete by the City or its contractor. However, if the abutting property owner desires the replacement be of an approved special, more expensive material the City shall pay the property owner the City's equivalent cost for the concrete upon completion of the restoration. The abutting property owner will be responsible for contracting and paying for the repair.

4. A City permit will be required by the property owner for the replacement of driveways and walks. However, in situations where the City or its contractors removed the driveway or walk, to repair the City utility and there is a different material involved other than concrete as detailed in #3 above, the fee for the permit shall be waived. The minimal acceptable replacement of driveways shall be concrete or asphalt and for walks and curbs, the minimal acceptable replacement shall be concrete.

5. The City will require the abutting property owners to locate their sprinkling system prior to our starting repair unless it's an emergency repair and the homeowner is not available at the time of repair. The City or its contractor will not be responsible for the repairs to sprinkling systems installed in the parkway and damaged as a result of our repair to our utilities even if the abutting property owner has located their sprinkling systems. Whether the City participates in the agreement, and if it participates, the amount or nature of the incentive will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The City's participation in the incentive agreement should be necessary to assure the feasibility of a private business to expand or develop within Park Ridge.