

ORDINANCE #65309
Board Bill No. 121
Floor Substitute

An ordinance pertaining to the repair of sidewalks in the City of St. Louis, amending Ordinance 61309, approved on March 3, 1989, by prohibiting the Street Department from requiring property owners to pay the repair cost of any portion of a sidewalk which has been damaged by trees growing in the public easement immediately adjacent to the sidewalk; and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. Ordinance 61309, as codified in Section 20.26.240, is hereby amended to read as follows:

20.26.240 Residential walks—Authority of Street Department to repair.

A. The Street Department is hereby authorized to repair or have repaired residential sidewalks for dwelling units or residential properties as hereinafter defined, which are in in poor condition and need of repair as determined by the Street Commissioner or the Commissioner’s designee and requiring that the property owners pay one-half of the total repair cost.

B. As used in this section the following definitions shall apply:

1. “Single-family” means a building containing one dwelling unit.
2. “Two-family” means a building containing two dwelling units.
3. “Residential four-family” means a building containing four (4) dwelling units, one of which dwelling unit is occupied by the owner of the structure.
4. “Residential condominium or townhouse” means a building containing more than one dwelling unit, all of which dwelling units are owned individually and separately.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of this ordinance to the contrary, owners of residential and commercial property shall not be required to pay the repair cost of any portion of an adjacent sidewalk which has been damaged by trees growing in the public easement immediately adjacent to such sidewalk.

SECTION TWO. Emergency clause.

This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.

Approved: November 6, 2001