



# Public Works Department

## Sidewalk Repair Guidelines

We would like to provide you with the following information on what our Public Works Maintenance Division uses to evaluate sidewalk conditions and how they determine what repairs are to be made. Please also refer to the second page for the Sidewalk Repair Guidelines. The information used to evaluate sidewalks in South San Francisco is as follows:

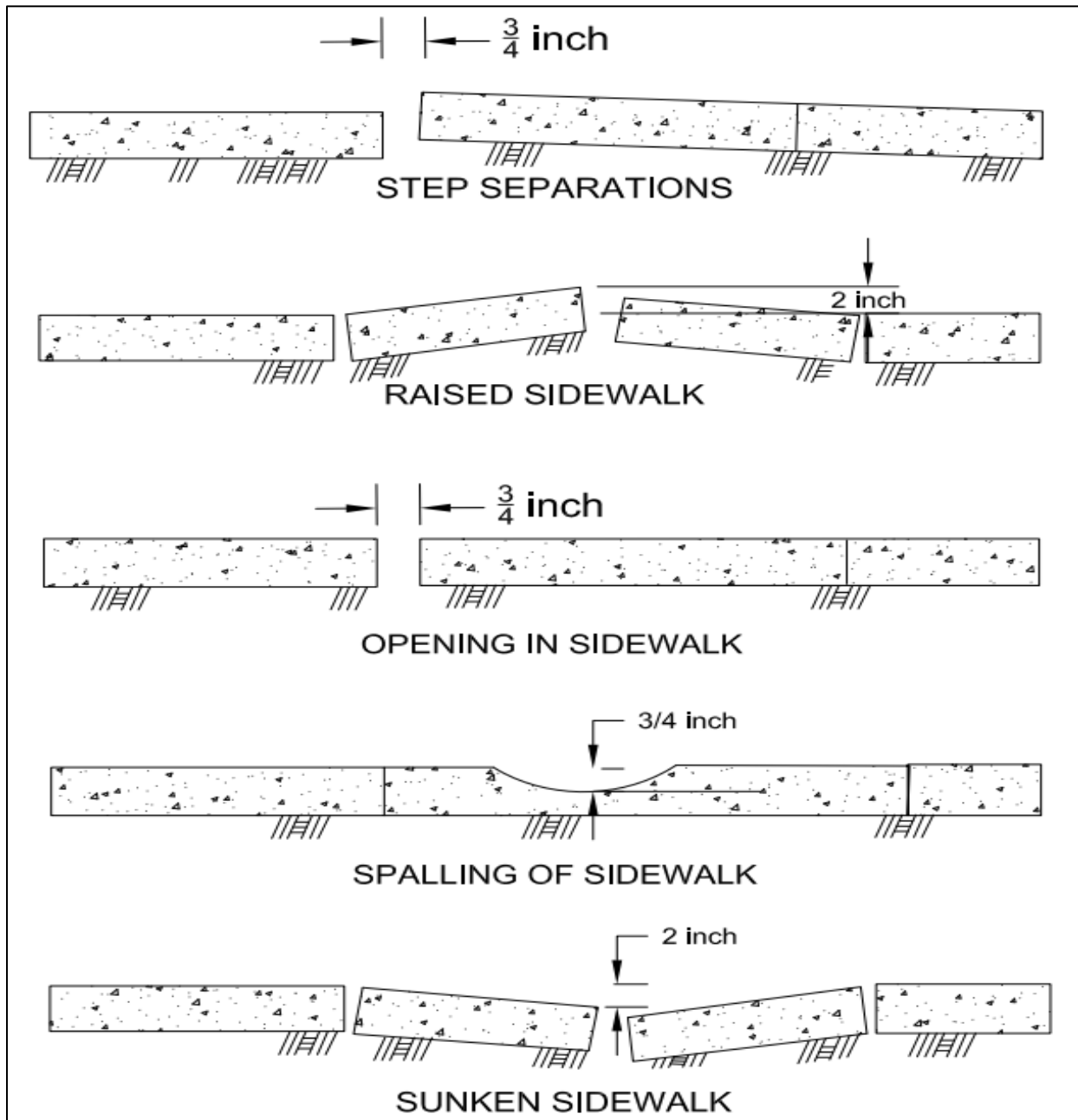
- 1) A portion of sidewalk will be scheduled for repair if conditions, as determined by a City representative exceed the dimensions shown on the Numerical Guidelines. The dimensions on the second page may be modified at the discretion of the City in determining the condition of the sidewalk.
- 2) Per California Streets and Highways Code, Chapter 22, Section 5600-5630, the responsibility for the general condition of sidewalks and curbs rest with the abutting property owners, except if the damage is determined to be caused by roots from trees in the City right-of-way, or from City-owned facilities (such as storm drains and sewers). In these cases, any required sidewalk or curb and gutter repair shall be the responsibility of the city.
- 3) Curb, gutter, and sidewalk repairs on curb returns at corner lots shall be the responsibility of the City. New handicap ramps will be installed as required by State regulations.
- 4) If the City determines that the sidewalk defects are the responsibility of the City, then the City will make repairs at its own expense. Existing concrete in planter strip areas will also be replaced as needed to coordinate with the sidewalk or curb repair.
- 5) If the repairs are the responsibility of the property owner, the owner must hire a licensed contractor to perform the repairs. Work performed by a licensed contractor must be done in accordance with the City Standard Specifications and requires an Encroachment Permit issued by the Engineering Division. The City may initiate proceedings according to the Streets and Highways Code to require the repairs to be made by the adjoining property owner.
- 6) The City may temporarily patch defects which are the property owner's responsibility until the permanent repairs are made
- 7) The Public Works Maintenance Division will coordinate their repair work with all others and will determine the need for root pruning and/or any tree removal, and will accomplish that work. The work will be done according to the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Please contact our Public Works Maintenance Division at (650) 877-8550 should you need any further information or have any questions.

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Below are the guidelines that the **City of South San Francisco** uses to evaluate sidewalk conditions and determine what repairs are to be made if any. Minor cracking/sinking will be put on a list for future repairs.



## SIDEWALK REPAIR GUIDELINES