

BOROUGH OF MEDIA

RESOLUTION # 2021-32

SIDEWALK REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, designated as a Tree City USA, the Borough of Media takes pride in its shade trees, which enhance the visual aesthetics of the community, improves air quality, and improves the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Borough established a Sidewalk Rebate Program pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-15 whereby the Borough agreed to share sidewalk repair/replacement costs with property owners for sidewalks heaved by Borough trees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now desires to amend the Sidewalk Rebate Program to address increased in material costs and implement certain other changes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Media Borough Council hereby amends and restates the Sidewalk Rebate Program on the following terms:

1. The program applies only to those sidewalks heaved by trees planted by the Borough of Media in the public right of way.
2. Property owners must complete an application prior to commencement of work for Borough approval.
3. A completed application and contractor's invoice must be submitted to the Borough prior to approval and reimbursement.
4. Reimbursement for sidewalk repairs is a 50% match at \$20 per square foot for each concrete block heaved by a Borough tree.
5. If the sidewalk has been previously replaced by the property owner, the Borough will consider reimbursing the property owner the full amount *for the sidewalk to be contoured around the tree*.
6. If a tree is removed by the Borough, the property owner may be eligible for a reimbursement in the amount of 50% of the cost to replace the sidewalk that was heaved by the tree that was removed.
7. A building permit for all sidewalk work must be submitted and approved by the Code Enforcement Department. Sidewalks not in compliance with Ordinance 703 must be replaced within the time prescribed by the Code Enforcement Department.

8. The Shade Tree Commission and Tree Warden will conduct an inspection of trees alleged to have damaged an applicant's sidewalk and will make a final determination on the safety and long-term viability of the tree. In some cases, the tree will have to be removed.
9. Borough Administration will examine each application on a case by case basis to determine eligibility for reimbursement. Applications should be submitted to the Borough office, and are processed on a first come-first served basis, subject to budgetary constraints.

APPROVED AND RESOLVED this 15th day of April 2021.

RESOLVED THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

BY: _____
BRIAN C. HALL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

BRITTANY N. FORMAN
BOROUGH SECRETARY

**MEDIA BOROUGH
50/50 REBATE PROGRAM**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT:

APPLICANT NAME: _____

APPLICANT ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT TELEPHONE NUMBER: (home) _____ **(work)** _____

LINEAL FEET OF SIDEWALK TO BE REPLACED: _____

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: _____

CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL COST OF ESTIMATE: _____

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES FOR THE
50/50 SIDEWALK REBATE PROGRAM.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____

**I UNDESTAND THAT ANY PERSON MAKING AM EXCESSIVE CLAIM WITH
FRADULENT INTENT SHALL HAVE HIS/HER CLAIM DISALLOWED, AND I DECLARE
THAT:**

- 1. THIS CLAIM IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY
MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND**
- 2. THIS IS THE ONLY CLAIM FILED BY MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD**

CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

TO BE FILLED OUT BY BOROUGH STAFF:

DATE OF APPLICATION SUBMITTAL: _____ **STAFF INITIALS** _____

SHADE TREE COMMISSION REVIEW: _____ **DATE** _____

APPROVED: YES _____ **NO** _____

REASON: _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL: YES _____ **NO** _____ **DATE** _____

AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT: _____

REIMBURSEMENT MAILED TO APPLICANT: _____ **DATE** _____