

## **BOROUGH OF MEDIA**

### **RESOLUTION # 2011-15**

#### **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 Sidewalk Rebate Program is a cost-sharing program to assist property owners with the replacement of sidewalks heaved by Borough trees; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners that wish to take part in this program should be aware of the following program parameters:

1. The program applies only to those sidewalks heaved by trees planted by the Borough of Media in the public right of way.
2. A completed application and contractor's invoice must be submitted to the Borough prior to approval and reimbursement.
3. Reimbursement for sidewalk repairs is a 50% match, not to exceed \$150 for each concrete block heaved by a Borough tree.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

**WHEREAS**, property owners shall complete an application prior to commencement of work for Borough approval; and

**WHEREAS**, Media Borough Council and the Shade Tree Commission will examine each application on case-by-case basis to determine eligibility for reimbursement. Applications should be submitted to the Borough office.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Media Borough Council is amending and implementing its Sidewalk Rebate Program.

**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** \_\_\_\_\_