

CITY OF SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY
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SUBJECT: SIDEWALK STAMPS AND SCORING PATTERNS
POLICY NUMBER:
EFFECTIVE DATE:

BACKGROUND:

The City's *Progress Guide and General Plan*, Cultural Resources Element, discusses the important role of the past to understand the present and to forecast the future. Identifying and preserving historical resources are therefore identified as worthy of pursuit. The *General Plan's* Urban Design Element extensively discusses ways to improve the neighborhood environment by avoiding radical and intrusive changes to existing residential character and maintaining traditional streetscapes. Specifically, the Element recommends "Identify and then conserve the streets, landmarks, and areas that have a sense of place or history. Develop guidelines to insure that new development adds to the existing character of the community..."

It has been identified that public streetscapes, including right-of-way markings such as sidewalk scoring, sidewalk color, and sidewalk stamps have provided a unique quality and character to a neighborhood that is worthy of preserving.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to emphasize the City Council's support of preservation of right-of-way markings that contribute to community character. The Council recognizes that markings are preserved and maintained by various parties, and this policy provides a link to those various City departments who have oversight responsibilities in preservation efforts.

It is also the goal to retain those right-of-way markings when work is done by either the City, through repair, maintenance, or replacement, or in conjunction with private development projects. It is intended that the cost and processing time involved in the preservation effort be reasonable in relationship to the overall repair, replacement, or maintenance costs of the proposed work. However, nothing in this Council Policy precludes higher levels of maintenance and preservation/restoration from occurring in areas that are the focus of preservation of historical structures and other landmarks, or areas that have been identified as historical districts or potential districts.

It is the City Council's intent that community planning committees recognized under Council Policy 600-24 [Standard Operating Procedures and Responsibilities of Recognized Community Planning Committees] play an advisory role in right-of-way markings preservation through identified processes. The Community Planning Groups are urged to create an inventory of sidewalk date and contractor stamps that are intact and

are able to be placed into new sidewalks, or that the community wants to save in some other way [such as collecting them].

POLICY:

It is the City's policy that various departments responsible for repair, maintenance, replacement, or development prepare procedures that will help implement the overall goal of preserving the defining or traditional streetscape characteristics through preservation of right-of-way markings that identified in adopted land use plans or other community-specific documents, in historical districts, or by recognized community planning committees.

It is also the City's policy that in order to create a record of current times, that sidewalk stamps that identify date and contractor continue to be created for new development.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Many City departments are involved in carrying out the direction of this Policy. Departments implement this Policy through land use plans, adopted historical districts, Land Development Code regulations, and department procedures. The attached matrix identifies departments responsible for administering, overseeing, and authorizing work in the public right-of-way that may affect streetscape characteristics. The procedures for resource evaluation, location of regulations, oversight responsibilities, and public participation are detailed in the procedures themselves.

ATTACHMENT
**IMPLEMENTATION OF SIDEWALK STAMPS AND SCORING PATTERN
REQUIREMENTS**

PROJECT TYPE	PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND PLACEMENT OF <u>EXISTING IMPRESSIONS</u> (Urbanized Communities)	REQUIREMENTS FOR <u>NEW IMPRESSIONS</u> IN REPLACEMENT WORK (All communities)	HISTORIC SCORING REPLICATION PER LDC 142.0670(b) (Urbanized Communities)
PUBLIC - CIP PROJECTS			
Water and Sewer Mains Replacement	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Standard Drawing SDG-115	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Standard Specifications* 3) Regional Standard Drawings**	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Standard Specifications* 3) Regional Standard Drawings **
New Water and Sewer Systems Improvements	Same	Same	Same
Street Impr. (Traffic Signals, Sidewalk, Drainage, Widening)	Same	Same	Same
Buildings, Parks	Same	Same	Same
Redevelopment	Same	Same	Same
PUBLIC - CITY FORCES			
Metro. WWD Collection Div.	City Engineers 4/02 memo	City Engineers 4/02 memo	City Engineers 4/02 memo
Trans. Dept. (Street Division)	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Existing Division Policy	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Existing Division Policy	1) City Engineers 4/02 memo 2) Existing Division Policy
Water Dept. (Operations Div.)	No Specific Division Policy	No Specific Division Policy	Existing Division Policy
PRIVATE PROJECTS			
Engineering Plans (Discretionary or Ministerial)	1) Standard Drawing SDG-115 2) Standard Specifications * 3) Regional Standard Drawings ** 4) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***	1) Standard Specifications* 2) Regional Standard Drawings ** 3) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***	1) Standard Specifications* 2) Regional Standard Drawings ** 3) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***
Building Plans	1) Standard Drawing SDG-115 2) Regional Standard Drawings ** 3) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***	1) Regional Standard Drawings ** 2) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***	1) Regional Standard Drawings ** 2) Special Dev. Services Dept. Procedures***

* - Proposed revision to Standard Specifications - City supplement

** - Proposed revisions and additions to relevant Regional Standard Drawings - City special drawings

*** - Proposed procedures currently being drafted