



BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF SIDEWALK, CURB AND DRIVEWAY APRON INSPECTION

Dear Property Owner,

PennDOT recently informed us that they plan to resurface State Road 4039 in 2024. The project will bring much needed improvements to the state-owned sections of N. 5th Street and W. Market Street as follows:

- ***N 5th Street from W. Blooming Glen Drive /Borough Line to W. Market Street***
- ***W. Market Street from N 7th Street to N. Ridge Road***

Road resurfacing projects in Perkasio require that curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons on affected properties be replaced or repaired as necessary to ensure they are safe and meet the specifications in Borough Code. The property owner is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons, and responsible for the costs involved in any repairs or replacement. This letter serves as advance notice of the coming Curb, Sidewalk & Apron project on these sections of N. 5th Street and W. Market Street.

The Borough will conduct inspections of curbs, sidewalks, and driveway aprons along State Road 4039 in the spring of 2022. Borough staff will send you a notice and a detailed inspection report if the curb, sidewalk or driveway apron at your property requires repair or replacement. At this time, we are unsure when in 2024 PennDOT will be resurfacing the roadway. Because of that uncertainty, the work will need to be completed by July 2023 if you are using a private contractor. Work scheduled by the Borough's Contractor will most likely be done in the summer of 2023.

You are being sent this letter well in advance of the anticipated road resurfacing project because of the sheer number of properties involved and potential cost to each property owner. We understand that it can take weeks or months to engage a reputable contractor. We also understand that many properties in this vicinity have a substantial amount of road frontage, and the cost to bring their curb, sidewalk or driveway apron into compliance could be substantial.

After the inspection reports are issued in the spring of 2022, the next mailing from the Borough will be a letter in April 2023 that sets out the estimated cost to you of having the Borough's contractor do the work. The Borough will offer a financing plan for those who participate in the Borough's replacement program in 2023. More information about this financing option will follow.

A complete copy of the Borough's Specifications for Reconstruction and/or Repair of Curb and Sidewalks can be found on the Borough website www.perkasieborough.org. Click on the "Public Information" tab along the top toolbar, then "Code of Ordinances". The "Sidewalk & Curb Repairs – Specifications for Reconstruction" link is near the top. You can also stop by the Borough for a copy. If you have any questions about the specifications set out in the ordinance you are welcome to call our Public Works office to set up an informal inspection or meeting. Please call our Public Works Department at (215)257-6860.

Here's a summary of the timeline of the project. Dates are subject to change:

- Inspections of sidewalk, curbs and driveway aprons will take place in March, 2022 (weather dependent).
- Notification letters will then be sent to property owners by certified mail showing any needed repairs. At this time you may want to check with other Contractors to get initial estimates for the repairs indicated in your notification letter.
- A competitive bidding process will take place to identify the Contractor for the road and concrete program; the lowest responsible bidder will be selected by Borough Council by April or May, 2023.
- Shortly afterwards, property owners will receive another letter with estimated pricing to have the Borough's Contractor complete the work. This letter will include information about a financing program.
- Property owners should compare costs and make a decision about doing the work privately or using the Borough's Contractor.
- If you choose to complete the work privately, please remember that a permit is required; there is a fine of \$75 if a permit is not obtained. The likely deadline for completion is July 2023. You will be notified by letter of the exact date for repairs to be completed.
- Property owners who elect to have the Borough's Contractor do the work will receive an invoice in November 2023, after the work is complete.

Please note that while this project is on PennDOT's five-year resurfacing plan for CY 2024, the date of the project is subject to change it at any time. The Borough will continue to check in with officials at PennDOT on a regular basis for a status update.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important project. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please feel welcome to contact the Borough office at (215) 257-5065.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tulone
Perkasie Borough
Public Works Director