AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAXWELL CITY COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 6:00 PM COUNCIL CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL – 107 MAIN STREET

The city of Maxwell invites residents to attend the city council meeting via conference call. If you would like to participate, you must call 844-855-4444 and enter this access code: 843508 no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the meeting.

AGENDA:

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approval of the Agenda for July 23, 2025 meeting

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Approval of the Minutes for July 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes Approval of the Claims from July 10, 2025 to July 23, 2025

- 1. Open Forum: Comments from the public
- 2. Discussion and possible approval of Lucky Wife Wine Slushies "C" Special Liquor License for 8/9/2025 the Maxwell Market in the Park.
- 3. Discussion and possible approval of sealed proposal for RFP from Roof, Gerdes, Erlbacher, PLC for FY25 annual examination.
- 4. Discussion and possible action regarding submission of unpaid debts to the lowa Offset Program and authorization for city clerk to complete program enrollment.
- 5. Discussion and possible approval of LL Pelling bid for street repairs.
- 6. Discussion and possible action for the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for fire fighters and EMTs.
- 7. Discussion and possible action regarding the accessibility and walkability of city sidewalks.
- 8. Mayor and Council Reports/Comments
- 9. Adjourn

Minutes of the Maxwell City Council Regular Session Wednesday July 9, 2025

Note: The following are unofficial until they are approved by the City Council at the next council meeting.

Maxwell City Council held a meeting on the above date pursuant to the rules of the council, notice posted at city hall, city website and Facebook. Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Roll Call: Gast, Philpott, Miller, and Jans. Absent: Westendorf. City staff present city clerk Wendy Crabtree. Also present were city engineer Wes Farrand, Snyder engineer Brent Culp, Susan Livesay, Cindy Janes, Karin Sevde, Perry Balke, Clint Sloss and Greg Piklapp and Anna Henderson on the call. Four additional attendees on the phone.

Gast moved to approve the agenda and Jans seconded with a change of moving #15 to follow #3. All ayes. Motion carried. Miller moved and Jans seconded to consent agenda, which included approval of the regular meeting minutes for June 11, 2025, approval of claims from June 12, 2025 to July 9, 2025, except Reilly Construction Pay Application 4, and approval of the treasurer's report for June. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gast was seconded by Philpott to approve the Resolution 2025-35 Public Forum Standards of Decorum for Maxwell City Council Meetings. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Open forum: Cindy Janes 619 Maxwell expressed concern about maintenance of alleyways owned by the city and shared photos of alleys in town with council. Perry Balke 1000 Rock Creek Drive suggested a sidewalk in the new development at North or 7th Street.

2025 Grants Program presentation from Karin Sevde, Executive Director at Story County Community Foundation. Brochures left with same information available at city hall.

Planning & Zoning recommended council approve the final plan for Rock Creek Ridge Plat 1 and to name the loop road Rock Creek Court. Farrand met with Culp to address questions and would need a resubmittal of construction drawings. Gast moved to approve the final plat and engineering specifications amended by Farrand and Jans seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended council to request an updated street designation map using standard classifications. Gast moved approval with addition of Rock Creek Court for Snyder to provide a cost estimate for a map of streets, names and classifications for the next council meeting. Philpott seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended council to request updated subdivision requirements and request a committee to work on it with the city engineer to clarify the process. Gast moved the subdivision committee

-Philpott and Westendorf, work with the mayor and engineer for recommendations on amendments to the subdivision ordinances. Jans seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended council to maintain the North Street and 7th Street alleyway. The alley is currently 25' wide and alleys should be 16' wide. Philpott moved to get cost assessment for making the alley 16' and bring back to council. Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended council provide a comprehensive plan review of state code 414.3 and 414.6 and requested a committee to update and provide a vision for Maxwell. A class at Iowa State University helped the city with this in 2009. Gast moved to contact the design class at ISU for a cost analysis estimate and inquire if the fall class is available to assist and bring back to council. Piklapp will get the professor's information to Westendorf and Philpott to research. Jans seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended council review compliance for accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in Iowa code 103A. Philpott called to neighboring communities to compare their ordinances on ADUs. Mayor asked Philpott to bring an ordinance or resolution with proposed changes back to council. No action taken.

P&Z recommended council to request an updated city zoning map. Farrand reached out to Story County MAPS who manages their city's GIS information to request if they can get our map up to date. He is awaiting a response. No action taken.

Anna Henderson, director of Story County Shelter, answered questions regarding the new animal control contract. Council is concerned that Story County won't come to town when there's an issue. Henderson advised to call and request service, and they will respond when able. There is only one vehicle for animal control and there may be a wait and to take photos and videos to help their investigations. Mayor asked Henderson to investigate dog at large at 408 2nd St. Gast moved approval of Resolution 2025-36 Story County Animal Control Contract and checking after hours box and putting in public works' cell phone number. Jans seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Gast moved to approve Resolution 2025-38 a Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Consultant for City Clerk training, with addition of be it further resolved up to \$13,000 out of the general fund be committed for the first three months of consultation. Miller seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Gast moved approval of Resolution 2025-37, a Resolution amending the salaries for employees of the city for FY26 for cost-of-living wage adjustments and clerk hourly increase of \$1, with no cost of living adjustment. Merit adjustments are not reflected in this resolution. Jans seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Discussion of Treasurer's Report and Cash Balances for FY 2021-2025. Miller and Gast analyzed prior and current cash balances and will meet to confirm all resolutions have been transferred for FY25 and bring back to council at next meeting. No action taken.

Gast moved approval of Lucky Wife Wine Slushies C Special Liquor License for 2 Maxwell Market in the Parks –7/13/25 and 7/27/25 and Lady Ferguson, LLC DBA Moms Maxwell 12 Month Class C Retail Alcohol License. Clerk will send letter after August 7 advising all future permits need to be addressed to the new map addresses and building number labeling. Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Gast moved approval of mayor signing the 25/26 New Century LP Gas Contract with prepay selection. Jans seconded. Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Gast moved approval of Rex Shoemaker to the term vacated by Joe Palensky for Planning & Zoning board. Miller seconded. There is still one vacancy on board. Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the accessibility and walkability of city sidewalks. There are 13 private residences that need sidewalk sections replaced due to damaged or overgrown grass. FY26 budget allocated \$25,000 for sidewalk replacement. Gast will put maps together for Maxwell St. to Broad St up to 5th St. Mayor will identify tripping hazards and will review Metcalf St. and 3rd St. Gast will review between 2nd St. and 3rd St. and work on maps to bring to next meeting. No action taken.

Discussion of library window leak and damage above window. Library director is waiting for a formal bid from Story County Construction and will present to council when available. No action taken.

Discussion of Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) bill for fire fighters and EMS volunteers that began July 1. Fire and EMS chiefs met with public safety committee to develop point system for program. Gast noted Indian Creek Township cannot raise any more revenue and there's no extra money in the budget. Program would cost \$500 per qualifying member. Discussion on compensation that isn't monetary, possibly mileage or vehicle light reimbursement to volunteers. Discussion on using funds to pay members via LOSAP instead of biannual check. Gast moved to table discussion until next meeting. Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. No action taken.

Discussion of Parks and Open Spaces board and the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail celebration August 9. Mayor asked public works to hang the temporary signs. Gast will make flyer for information about the town to hand out. VFW and Legion to be contacted to see if they want to participate. Request for use of fire truck for celebration approved by mayor. Jans will send clerk Maxwell logo stickers to order to pass out during celebrations. No action taken.

Sheriff's Report – on file. No action taken. Department head reports on file for fire, EMS, library, public works, and city clerk. Farrand discussed wastewater backwash pump project, and

the mayor requested five bids, with a minimum requirement of three. Draws would begin FY27 with tentative completion date of October 2026. Question if shoulder grading was completed on the HOINT and mayor advised hoping to see movement soon. Farrand advised 6th and Metcalf St water review is still pending. No action taken.

Council comments. Gast – nothing. Philpott noted parks need weeds cleaned up. Inquired about ATV parade during Old Settlers and proposed tire repair station Parks proposed on the HOINT. Philpott had a citizen complaint about horse manure on the HOINT. Philpott reported fireworks on July 5 and July 6 and reported horse and buggy driving in cemetery. Miller inquired about the status of LL Pelling bid for road repairs. Jans would like temporary signs installed on HOINT before the August 9 celebration. Mayor -nothing.

Jans moved to adjourn, and Philpott seconded. Ayes—Gast, Philpott, Miller, Jans. Nays: None. Absent: Westendorf. 10:07pm.

Event Lease Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 11th day of, September,

2024, by and between Lauryn Myers ("Lessor") and Dawn Thompson of Cloud Wine dba Lucky

Wife Wine Slushies ("Lessee").

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

- PREMISES. The Lessor agrees to lease to the Lessee a portion of the property located at 100 Amry Post Road, (address) Maxwell, (city) IA, (state) 50161, (Zip code) as designated by the Lessor. The parties agree to abide by the applicable ordinances.
- 2. **TERM.** Lessor agrees to lease said premises to the Lessee on the 26th day of October, for 1 day.

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LESSEE:

Dawn Thompson Cloud Wine LLC dba Lucky Wife Wine Slushies

By



Applicant

NAME OF LEGAL ENTITY NAME OF BUSINESS(DBA) **BUSINESS**

CLOUD WINE, LLC Lucky Wife Wine Slushies (515) 368-0295

ADDRESS OF PREMISES PREMISES SUITE/APT NUMBER CITY COUNTY ZIP

100 Army Post Road Maxwell Story 50161

MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

50548 1961 150th Street Humboldt Iowa

Contact Person

NAME PHONE **EMAIL**

(515) 368-0295 luckywifewineslushies4@gmail.com Dawn Thompson

License Information

LICENSE NUMBER LICENSE/PERMIT TYPE **TERM** STATUS

> Special Class C Retail Alcohol 5 Day Submitted License

to Local

Authority

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TENTATIVE EFFECTIVE DATE TENTATIVE EXPIRATION DATE LAST DAY OF BUSINESS

Aug 8, 2025 Aug 12, 2025

SUB-PERMITS

Special Class C Retail Alcohol License

PRIVILEGES



Status of Business

BUSINESS TYPE

Limited Liability Company

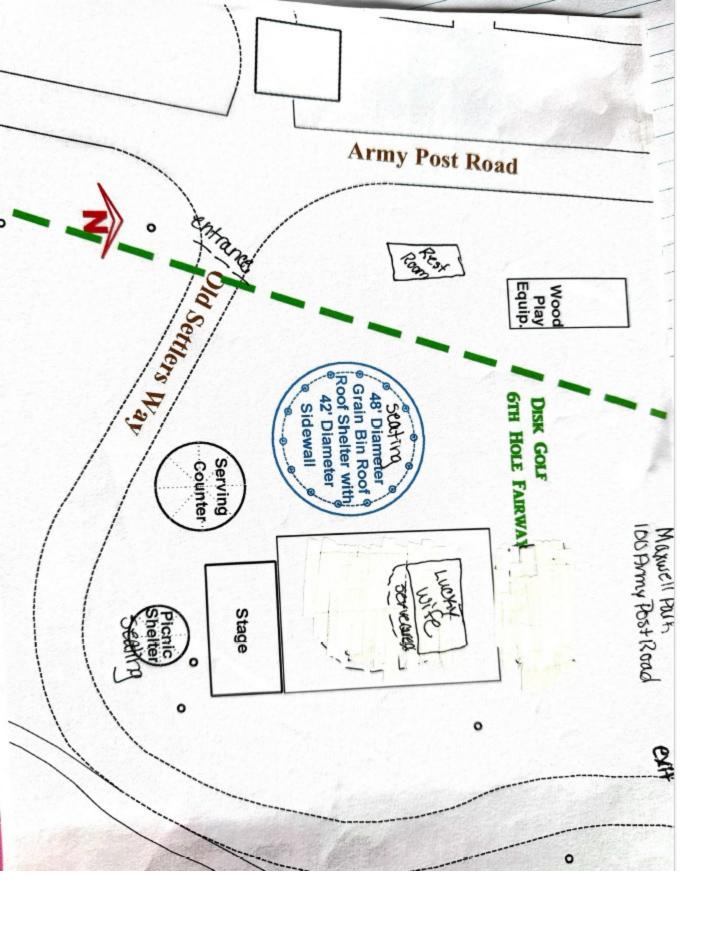
Ownership

Individual Owners

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP	POSITION	% OF OWNERSHIP	U.S. CITIZEN
Dawn Thompson	Humboldt	Iowa	50548	owner/ceo	100.00	Yes

Insurance Company Information

INSURANCE COMPANY	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE
Founders Insurance Company	Aug 8, 2025	Aug 13, 2025
DRAM CANCEL DATE	OUTDOOR SERVICE EFFECTIVE DATE	OUTDOOR SERVICE EXPIRATION DATE
BOND EFFECTIVE DATE	TEMP TRANSFER EFFECTIVE DATE	TEMP TRANSFER EXPIRATION DATE



NOTE to Cities: This annual examination agreed upon procedures engagement RFP or equivalent written document (written RFP) must be used to engage independent auditors wishing to perform annual examinations pursuant to Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa. The "Specific Requirements" listed in Part I should be addressed in the written RFP. The agreed upon procedures program guide prepared by the Office of Auditor of State establishes the **minimum requirements** to be performed for all annual examinations and should, therefore, be specifically referred to or otherwise incorporated in the written RFP.

Date 5/30/2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) RFP NUMBER 001

The City of Maxwell, Iowa will receive proposals to perform agreed upon procedures to satisfy the annual examination requirements of Section 11.6 of the Code of Iowa for the 2025 year ending June 30, 2025. Attached is information relating to minimum specifications of services, data to be included in the proposal, evaluation criteria and selected information relating to the City to be examined.

Sealed proposals (1 copy) will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., July 11, 2025, at the office of the City Hall in Maxwell, Iowa. If mailed, the proposals should be mailed to:

City of Maxwell

107 Main Street

PO Box 215

Maxwell, Iowa 50161

Those submitting sealed proposals should indicate on the outside of the envelope in the lower left-hand corner that it is a sealed proposal for the RFP number indicated above and the name of the firm submitting the proposal.

The contract for services will be awarded by August 15, 2025.

Further information may be obtained from City Clerk Wendy Crabtree at (515) 387-8655.

NOTE: This form is available on the Auditor of State's website at:

http://auditor.iowa.gov/municipal/index.html

At the Municipal Oversight page, navigate to Annual Examination Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Engagement Request for Proposals (RFP) to access a Word version and download a copy of the RFP.

I. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received.
- 2. Only proposals received at the location described and in the time frame given will be considered.
- 3. The original and one copy of the enclosed contract should be completed and manually signed by a partner of the firm submitting the proposal.
- 4. The annual examination agreed upon procedures (AUP) engagement shall be performed in accordance with the following:
 - a) Attestation Standards for agreed upon procedures engagements issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants,
 - b) The Standards for Attestation Engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and
 - c) The agreed upon procedures program guide prepared by the Office of Auditor of State (AOS).
 - d) Other procedures, if any, requested by the City.
- 5. The fees quoted in the proposal and included in the contract will be the maximum paid per hour and in total, unless an amendment to the contract is completed by both parties.
- 6. The AUP engagement report should conform to:
 - a) Reporting formats specified by the AOS,
 - b) Attestation Standards reporting requirements and
 - c) Government Auditing Standards reporting requirements.
- 7. The AUP engagement report should report all findings from the AUP engagement since materiality does not apply to the findings to be reported in accordance with, and as described in, Attestation Standards, AT-C 215.26 of the AICPA's attestation standards.
- 8. The firm awarded the contract shall prepare an electronic (PDF) copy of the report for submission to the AOS at submitreports@aos.iowa.gov.
- 9. An electronic (PDF) of the report, a detailed per diem AUP engagement invoice and a copy of the news release shall be submitted to AOS at submitteeports@aos.iowa.gov upon release of the report to the City.
- 10. Working papers shall be retained by the firm performing the AUP engagement and shall be made available to the AOS in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.

II. DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSAL

In order to simplify the review process and to obtain the maximum degree of comparability, the proposal should include the following items and be organized in the manner specified below.

A. Letter of Transmittal - optional

A letter of transmittal may be included briefly outlining the proposer's understanding of the work and general information regarding the firm and individuals to be involved, including the local address of the office of the firm which will perform the work, the telephone number and the name of the contact person.

B. Profile of Firm Proposing - recommended

- 1. Provide a brief description of the size of the firm.
- 2. State whether the firm is in compliance with the registration requirements to engage in the practice of public accounting within Iowa.
- 3. State whether the firm is independent of the City in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.
- 4. Describe the local office from which the work will be performed.
 - a. Location of the office.
 - b. Current size of the office.
 - c. Size of professional staff by level, such as partner, manager, supervisor, senior and other professional staff.
 - d. Number of CPA's in the office.
- 5. Submit any other pertinent information required to describe the office which will perform the work.

C. Qualifications - required

- 1. Describe the recent local office experience in similar types of City or governmental engagements to which the proposal relates. If appropriate, include regional experience regarding similar types of entities and/or engagements.
- 2. Include brief resumes of all key professional members who will be assigned to the AUP engagement. The resumes should include:
 - a. The amount of experience the individual has in the profession.
 - b. A summary of similar governmental audits and/or AUP engagements on which the individual has worked.
 - c. A summary of the continuing professional education the individual has had in governmental accounting and auditing during the last two years.
 - d. A statement as to whether the individual is independent, as defined by <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>.

II. DATA TO BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSAL

(Continued)

C. <u>Qualifications – required</u> (continued)

- 3. Describe the firm's policy on notification of changes in key personnel to be assigned to the engagement.
- 4. Provide a listing of or the number of professionals in the office who are experienced in governmental audits and/or AUP engagements.
- 5. Describe the availability of individuals within the firm who are primarily involved in governmental audits and/or AUP engagements and reporting and with whom the AUP engagement team may consult.
- 6. Describe briefly the firm's system of quality control to ensure the AUP engagement is adequately performed.

D. Scope of Services and Proposed Project Schedule - required

Briefly describe your understanding of the scope of services to be provided. Indicate a proposed time schedule for completing the work, assuming the contract will be issued on the date given in the cover letter. Include the approximate dates you would perform fieldwork, office review and report preparation and the latest delivery date of the final report.

E. Fees and Compensation - required

Provide the following information:

- 1. Estimated total hours.
- 2. Estimated out-of-pocket expenses.
- 3. Hourly rate by staff classification.
- 4. All-inclusive maximum fee and out-of-pocket expenses, which will not be exceeded.
- 5. Frequency and timing of your billing process.

III. RECOMMENDED EVALUATION CRITERIA

It is important the proposal is responsive to the data requested.

1. <u>Cost</u>

Overall cost, including out-of-pocket expenses, for performance of the AUP engagement.

2. Qualifications

- a. Organizational structure and size of the firm.
- b. Organizational structure and size of the office performing the AUP engagement.
- c. Recent experience in AUP engagements.
- d. Qualifications of the AUP engagement team.
- e. Individuals with whom the AUP engagement team can consult.
- f. Level of effort, understanding of work and timetable to complete the AUP engagement.

IV. CITY PROFILE

SUGGESTED information to include:

- (1) Administrative Information:
 - Background information on the City,
 - Fiscal year(s)covered by AUP engagement,
 - List of the City's funds,
 - Description and magnitude of the City's accounting records,
 - Description of the City's computer system(s), if applicable, and
 - Availability of prior reports and/or working papers.
- (2) Work and Reporting Requirements:
 - Extent to which the City would assist the firm,
 - Specific scope of the AUP engagement work to be performed,
 - Number of copies of reports required,
 - List of restrictions, such as copy services or work space and
 - Exit conference requirements.
- (3) Time Requirements:
 - Date of contract award,
 - Date records would be ready for the AUP engagement and
 - Date final report is due (9 months following the end of the reporting period).

SAMPLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

AND
THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into thisday of, 20, by
and between the City of, Iowa hereinafter called "City," and
, hereinafter called "CPA."
WHEREAS, the City wishes to obtain the services of the CPA to perform an agreed upon procedures (AUP) engagement to satisfy the annual examination requirements of Section 11.6 of the Code of Iowa, for the year(s) ending June 30, 20; and WHEREAS, the CPA is equipped and staffed to perform the above AUP engagement; and WHEREAS, this agreement is in the public interest in fulfilling the requirements of
Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

- 1. The CPA will:
 - A. Perform the AUP engagement for the estimated hours as noted in this agreement.
 - B. Begin work on the AUP engagement as specifically agreed upon with the City.
 - C. Perform all work in accordance with Attestation Standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and those contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the agreed upon procedures program guide prepared by the Office of Auditor of State.
 - D. Immediately inform the City, the Auditor of State and the County Attorney if the AUP engagement discloses any irregularity in the collection or disbursement of public funds or other findings the CPA believes represent significant noncompliance as required by Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.
 - E. Provide access to its working papers to the Auditor of State in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.

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2.	Conditions	of Payment:

	A.	It is understood the shall be reimbursed			
		Classification	Estimated Hours	Hourly <u>Rate</u>	
	В.	The CPA shall prese manner:			wing
	C.	Payment shall be ma	nde within days	of receipt of the inv	oice.
	D.	The total reimburser except as specifically			,
	3. Te	rmination of Agreeme	nt:		
	A.	The City may termin fails to perform the c			
	В.	The CPA shall be pa		tisfactorily performe	ed to
IT the date i		IESS THEREOF, the Ced below:	City and CPA have	executed this AGRE	EMENT as of
C	PA		City of		
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Title			Title		
Date			Date		

RECOMMENDED EVALUATION CRITERIA AND TECHNIQUES FOR RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Evaluation of responses to a request for proposal is based upon a 100-point rating system. A maximum of 25 points is assigned to the <u>cost</u> of the bid proposal, and a maximum of 75 points is assigned to the <u>qualifications</u> of the bidding firm or individual. The techniques used to evaluate these two components are described below.

<u>Criteria</u>: **COST**<u>Evaluation Value</u>: 25 points

<u>Evaluation Technique</u>: For each firm evaluated

Cost Score = $\begin{bmatrix} \underline{\text{Lowest cost of all proposals received}} \\ \text{Proposal cost for this firm} \end{bmatrix} \times 25$

<u>Criteria:</u> **QUALIFICATIONS**

Evaluation Value: 75 points

<u>Evaluation Technique</u>: Subjective scoring for the following factors:

	Qualification Factor	Possible <u>Points</u>
1.	Organizational structure and size of the entire firm (resources available – personnel and research, existence of areas of specialization, commitment to governmental auditing and AUP engagements, etc.)	0-5
2.	Organizational structure and size of office performing the AUP engagement (resources available – personnel and research, existence of area of specialization, commitment to governmental auditing and AUP engagements, etc.)	0-5
3.	Recent experience in similar engagements (involvement in local governmental audits and/or AUP engagements, extensiveness, variety, length of time performing governmental examinations, etc.)	0-15
4.	Qualifications of the AUP engagement team (level of experience as accountants, auditors or governmental auditors, variety of experience, % of time devoted to governmental engagements, number of CPA's involved, training, etc.)	0-25
5.	Individuals with whom the AUP engagement team can consult (level and variety of experience, number of CPA's, training, etc.)	0-5
6.	Level of effort, understanding of work and timetable to complete the AUP engagement (number of hours, projected timetable, commentary showing understanding of the City and general knowledge of what is required, etc.)	0-20
	Total points – Qualifications	0-75

Each firm's total evaluation score is the sum of its cost score plus its qualification score. The maximum score is 100 points.

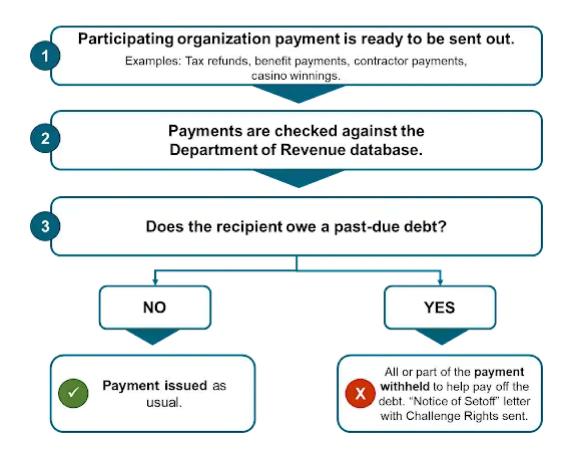
State of Iowa Setoff Program

Topics:

General Tax Guidance

The state setoff program is a method public agencies of the State of Iowa may use to collect past-due (delinquent) debts (for example, child support payments) that are owed.

The state setoff program matches people and businesses who owe delinquent debts with money that is owed to those people and businesses (for example, an income tax refund). Sources of funds available for setoff include, but are not limited to, tax refunds, casino and sports wagering winnings, State-issued vendor payments, and Iowa Lottery winnings. To the extent allowed by law, when a match occurs, the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) withholds or sets off money to apply toward the delinquent debt. State of Iowa Setoff Program requirements are outlined in Iowa Code section 421.65 as enacted by 2020 Iowa Acts, **House File 2565** (https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=88&ba=HF%202565), and Iowa Administrative Code rule 701—Chapter 26.



Are you a public agency interested in participating? See the Participating Agency Information section below to learn more.

How the State of Iowa Setoff Program Works

If you owe an overdue debt to a public agency participating in the State Setoff Program, the agency may send information about your debt to the program.

When you are going to receive a state payment or other payment eligible for setoff, a search is performed on the database to see if you have debt placed in the program.

If your debt is in the program, the Department holds back money from the payment to pay your debt. This process is known as a "setoff".

When the Department takes money from your payment, a letter is sent explaining what we did and providing a challenge opportunity.

What happens before agencies send debt to setoff?

The debt must be "qualifying debt" before it is submitted to the Setoff Program. Processes to ensure that debt is qualifying debt vary by public agency and debt type.

A summary of "qualifying debt", as defined in Iowa Code section 421.65(1) (d) follows: Any debt assigned to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or which child support services is otherwise attempting to collect; any debt in the form of a liquidated sum due, owing, and payable to the clerk of the district court; and any liquidated sum certain, owing, and payable to a Public Agency, with respect to which the public agency has provided the obligor an opportunity to protest or challenge the sum in a manner in compliance with applicable law and due process. See 2020 Iowa Acts, HF 2565 for the complete definition.

For example: An agency may require a letter sent to the debtor at the name and address on file for the debt. The requirements of that letter may be to tell the debtor about the debt (type and amount), that the agency intends to refer the debt for setoff, and what rights the debtor has to resolve the debt situation. This letter may provide the debtor opportunities to pay the debt, enter into a payment agreement, or dispute they owe the money to the agency.

Viewing Debt

There are two ways to view outstanding debt. You will need the Letter ID or confirmation number from the letter you received in order to view additional information.

If you were notified about a setoff when you collected your casino or sports betting winnings, visit **GovConnectIowa** (http://govconnect.iowa.gov/) and select *View Qualifying Debt for Setoffs*.

Setoff Challenge Rights

If you received the *Notice of Setoff of Public Payment* letter from the Iowa Department of Revenue in the mail, visit **GovConnectIowa**(http://govconnect.iowa.gov/) and select *Respond to a Letter*. The Notice of Setoff letter explains how to challenge the setoff. You have **15 days** from the date of the Notice of Setoff letter to challenge the setoff in writing.

There are three (3) types of challenges:

- Debt is not qualified
- Mistake of identity of the obligor
- Mistake of amount owed

The Department will respond to your challenge within 10 business days from the date the challenge was received in writing.

State of Iowa Setoff Program Definitions

Credit Vendor – An agency or entity who submits funds to the Setoff Program

Credit Vendor Name – The legal name of an agency or entity who submits funds to the Setoff Program

FEIN - Federal Employer Identification Number

Setoff - Money collected to pay an overdue debt to a public agency

Debt - Monies owed to a public agency

Debtor – A debtor is a person, not including a public agency, whose debt is not yet qualified

Obligor – A person, not including a public agency, who has been determined to owe a qualifying debt

Public Agency – A board, commission, department (including IDR), or other administrative office or unit of the State of Iowa or any other state entity reported in the Iowa annual comprehensive financial report, or a political subdivision of the state, or an office or unit of a political subdivision. See HF 2565 for complete definition.

History of the Program

The original program was developed in the early 1970s, and allowed the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance to withhold income tax refunds for liabilities owed to the Department. By the late 1970s, refunds were allowed to be withheld for other state agencies, and in 1989 the program expanded to payments issued to vendors.

In 2003, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), began managing the program. Over the next six (6) years, it grew to incorporate debts from additional public agencies such as cities, counties, municipal utilities, and community colleges. It also allowed offsets of casino jackpots and other winnings. The allowance of sports wagering winnings was added in 2019.

House File 2565 (https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=88&ba=HF%202565) returned this state program to the Iowa Department of Revenue. The change will take place in November 2023 alongside The Department's Tax Modernization Rollout 3.

Common Questions

The questions on this web page address the State of Iowa Setoff Program, the program that withholds money to pay for a debt. If you have questions about a specific debt, refer to the Notice of Setoff letter received.

Why did I get less money in a payment (for example, my income tax refund) than I expected?

Your payment may be less because you owed an overdue debt to a public agency. If that is the case, you should have received a "Notice of Setoff" letter. Visit **GovConnectIowa**(https://govconnect.iowa.gov/tap/_/) and select *Respond to a Letter*.

The law says that the Iowa Department of Revenue may withhold money to satisfy an overdue (delinquent) debt. The official term for withholding money from a payment is "setoff".

Please note that a payment agreement does not prevent the Department of Revenue from applying payments to your outstanding balance due.

Can you help me?

If your payment was reduced because you owed an overdue debt to a public agency, you were sent a Notice of Setoff letter stating your money had been setoff and the name of the setoff agency with contact information. You

must contact the setoff agency for additional information related to debt owed.

The Iowa Department of Revenue cannot answer questions related to your owed debt or refund your setoff money. You must contact the agency you owe money to discuss further.

Can the State Setoff Program take my federal tax refund?

No. If your federal tax refund has been held, you need to contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Learn more about how the **Treasury Offset**

Program (TOP) (https://www.fiscal.treasury.gov/top/) works. The Iowa
Department of Revenue's Setoff Team is not provided any information by
the Federal Government and is unable to respond to questions regarding
federal tax refund offsets. Contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or visit **Where's**

My Refund? (https://sa.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp)

My spouse owed an overdue debt. We filed a joint tax return. Our refund was reduced to pay my spouse's debt. What must I do to get my portion of the refund?

You may request a division of a jointly or commonly owned right to payment within 15 days of the date of your Notice of Setoff. Visit

GovConnectIowa (http://govconnect.iowa.gov/) and select *Respond to a Letter* or email **IDRChallenges@iowa.gov**.

When does a debtor leave the Setoff Program?

A debtor stays in the Setoff Program until the agency that sent the debt to IDR removes the debt from the Program.

The agency might tell IDR to stop collecting if the debt has been paid in full, if the debt is subject to a bankruptcy stay, or if other reasons justify pausing or stopping collection.

Participating Agency Information

Debt Recovered

Iowa Code section 421.65 allows the setoff of casino and sports wagering winnings, lottery prizes, public agency overpayments, vendor payments, and state tax refunds.

Public Agency Participation

A signed agreement between the public agency and the Iowa Department of Revenue is required for participation. Only public agencies, as defined in **Iowa Code 421.65(1)(b)**

(https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=88&ba=HF%202565), are allowed to participate in the State of Iowa Setoff Program.

Requirements to Participate

The initiating event for participation is submission of a **Setoff Enrollment Application with Qualifying Debt Questionnaire**

(https://revenue.iowa.gov/media/145/download?inline)

Following the application, all participating agencies are required to:

- Have a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) on file with the Department
- Place qualifying debt in the program
- Keep their balances up to date
- Recertify their debt at least annually

Upload all documents needed for setoff challenges

Resources

Training Tutorials:

Completing the Memorandum of Understanding

(https://youtu.be/hohro_q_9kA)

Understanding the Enrollment Application and Qualifying Debt

Questionnaire (https://youtu.be/Gfs0qu8n0aA)

Questions? Contact idr-setoffs@iowa.gov

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Attn Tony
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Maxwell, Iowa 50161



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WE PROPOSE TO DO THE FOLLOWING WORK AND/OR FURNISH THE MATERIALS AT THE UNIT PRICE QUOTED BELOW: Page 1

RE: 2025 Sealcoat Work (Revision)

Description of Work:

Type A Work

A. Base repair and single seal coat consisting of:

Prep driveway for proper drainage.

Furnish water as required for compaction, reshape and recompact.

Furnish and apply single seal coat of MC-3000 asphalt

Furnish, spread and roll 3/8" chips.

Type B Work

B. Single seal coat consisting of:

Power broom streets

Furnish and apply single seal coat of MC-3000 asphalt

Furnish, spread and roll 3/8" chip.

NOTES:

- 1. Billing on final units completed.
- 2. Cold Mix Patching amount is an estimated quanity. Invoice will be on actual tons placed.
- *Is this project tax exempt? Yes __ No __. If you checked yes, please send the <u>lowa Construction</u>
 <u>Sales Tax Form</u> with your signed proposal.
- *If the Iowa Construction Sales Tax Cert is not received prior to the commencement of work,
- LL Pelling will apply the appropriate sales tax based on the amount designated by,

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All work & materials will be according to specifications submitted or per standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving extra cost will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. Items bid per Unit of Measure are based on estimated quantities, and payment will be based on actual quantities placed. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice. 1 3/4% Service Fee will be charged on all past due accounts (21% per annum). Any expense incurred to collect past due accounts, including attorney fees, will be reimbursed by owner.

Acceptance of Proposal The above prices, specifica	ations and
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Signature	Date	
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Email: tnyne

tnyness@gmail.com



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			В	366	30		1,220	\$ 4,270.00
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			В	320	21		747	\$ 2,614.50
North	Main	Maxwell	A		Market B.			\$ -
			В	258	28		803	\$ 2,810.50
Trotter	1st	2nd	A			-1		\$ =
			В	233	46		1,191	\$ 4,168.50
Metcalf	Broad	1st	A					\$ -
			В	373	21		870	\$ 3,045.00
Webb Court	Hwy 210	Culdesac	A				Same a	\$ _
			В	626	25		1,739	\$ 6,086.50
Old Settle Dr	2nd	Army Post Rd	A	617	20	1,371		\$ 6,649.35
In The Park		8	В	617	20		1,371	\$ 4,798.50
Cemetary Rd	North	Baldwin	A	769	14	1,196	La Carrier	\$ 5,800.60
•			В	769	14		1,196	\$ 4,186.00

Date: 7/10/2025

Authorized Signature _

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Type B Work		Square Yd			12,657	\$	3.50	\$		44,299.50
Cold Mix Patc	hing	per ton			18.00	\$ 4	400.00	\$		7,200.00
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IFA LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) Registration for Participation

You must register your city/township/benefited fire district (fiscal agent) and fire department in order to participate in the LOSAP program.

DATE:
FISCAL AGENT:
Ex: "Municipality" means a city, county, township, benefited fire district, or agency authorized by law to provide emergency response services. This will be the fiscal agent CONTACT NAME:
CONTACT PHONE #
FIRE DEPARTMENT:
CURRENT FIRE CHIEF:
FIRE CHIEF PHONE #:
Is this fire department a member of IFA?YESNO How many firefighters are members of your department?
What is your Fire Department's annual budget? \$ DO NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, JUST OPERATING EXPENSES
The Fire Chief or designee must establish a points system for criteria before July 1st, 2025
PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO: Kbrix@iafireassn.org

NOTES

- * This program runs on a fiscal year. July 1st-June 30th.
- *By July 15th the Fire Chief needs to make a list (exhibit A) of eligible firefighters for that fiscal year.
- * This list (exhibit A) of names is given to the fiscal agent.
- *The fiscal agent will designate a dollar amount for each eligible member up to \$500 per member
- *This list (exhibit A) and total amount must be sent to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) contact (TBD).
 - *per legislation, fire departments with an annual budget of \$100,000 or less can submit their lists to IDED before Aug 1st. Checks from IDED will be sent to fiscal agents by Sept 1st.
 - * per legislation, fire departments with an annual budget of \$100,001 or more can submit their lists to IDEA before Sept 1st. Checks from IDED will be sent to fiscal agents by Oct 1st
- *The IDED contact will issue a payment to the fiscal agent.
- *The fiscal agent will add the state's contribution amount into each firefighters account.
- *The fiscal agent shall notify each member the balance in their accounts as of Dec 31st each year.
- *These LOSAP accounts are tax-deferred retirement accounts, meaning the money grows tax-free until it is withdrawn at retirement

WHAT IS LOSAP?

LOSAP stands for Length of Service Award Program. It's a program designed to reward and recognize the dedicated service of volunteer firefighters, emergency medical services (EMS) and Reserve Police Officer personnel.

In simple terms, when people volunteer as firefighters or EMS workers to help keep their community safe, they may be eligible to participate in LOSAP. The program is like a special benefit or incentive for their hard work and commitment.

Here's how it generally works: As volunteers serve their community, they earn points or credits for their time and service. These points accumulate over time based on the number of hours they spend on duty or participating in training activities.

Once a certain threshold or requirement is reached (like completing a certain number of hours), volunteers become eligible to receive a reward or benefit. This benefit can vary depending on the specific LOSAP program, but it often includes things like a cash payment, retirement savings account contributions, or other types of incentives.

The idea behind LOSAP is to encourage volunteers to stay involved and dedicated to their firefighting or EMS roles over the long term. It recognizes their commitment and provides a way to say "thank you" for their valuable service to the community.

It's important to note that LOSAP programs can differ between different regions or organizations, so the exact details may vary. However, the general purpose is to motivate and reward volunteers for their selfless service and dedication to keep their communities and citizens safe.

EXAMPLES OF POINTS SYSTEMS-THESE ARE DETERMINED BY YOUR LOCAL FIRE CHIEF OR DEPARTMENT DESIGNEE

The following types of service may be used to qualify a volunteer for LOSAP benefits:

One point is credited for each call to which a volunteer responds. (maximum: 40 points per year)

One point is credited for each company or countywide drill attended in its entirety. (maximum: 25 points per year)

One point is credited for each official company or county meeting attended which concerns the volunteer fire and/or EMS system. (maximum: 25 points per year)

One point is credited for each hour of attendance in a recognized training course. (maximum: 25 points per year)

25 points shall be credited for completion of a one-year term as an appointed or elected officer of any volunteer fire, dive rescue and/or EMS department. (maximum: one office per year)

One point is credited for each hour of acceptable collateral duties. Examples of such duties include, but are not limited to, apparatus and building maintenance, administrative duties, official standby and fire prevention activities. (maximum: 25 points per year)

Common Point Categories and Activities:

Responding to Calls:

Volunteers typically earn points for each call they respond to, often with a maximum number of points allowed per year.

Drills and Training:

Attendance at drills and training sessions, including both in-station and outside training, can earn points.

Meetings and Meetings Attendance:

Attending official meetings of the fire department or other relevant organizations can also generate points.

Leadership and Elected/Appointed Positions:

Serving in leadership roles within the fire department or company can earn points, often with a maximum number of points per year.

Collateral Duties:

Performing various duties that support the fire department, such as apparatus maintenance or administrative tasks, can be eligible for points.

Military Service:

Some LOSAPs provide additional points for military service, especially for members who served before a certain date.

Important Considerations:

Minimum Point Requirements:

Volunteers often need to earn a minimum number of points each year to be considered an "active volunteer" and receive LOSAP benefits.

Maximum Point Limits:

Many point categories have maximum point limits, preventing volunteers from earning an unlimited number of points for a single activity.

Record Keeping:

Fire departments and volunteer organizations are responsible for accurately tracking and recording LOSAP points for each volunteer.

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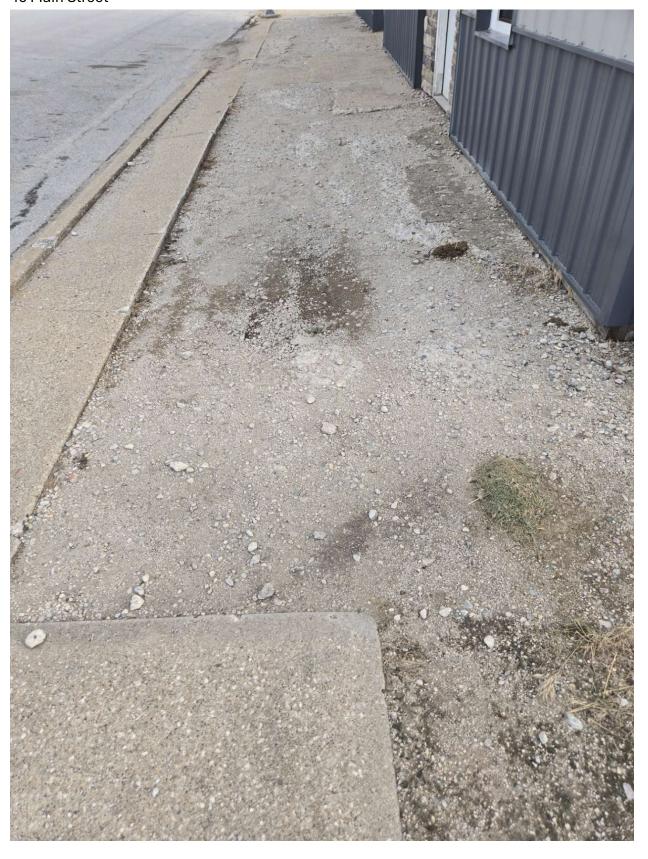
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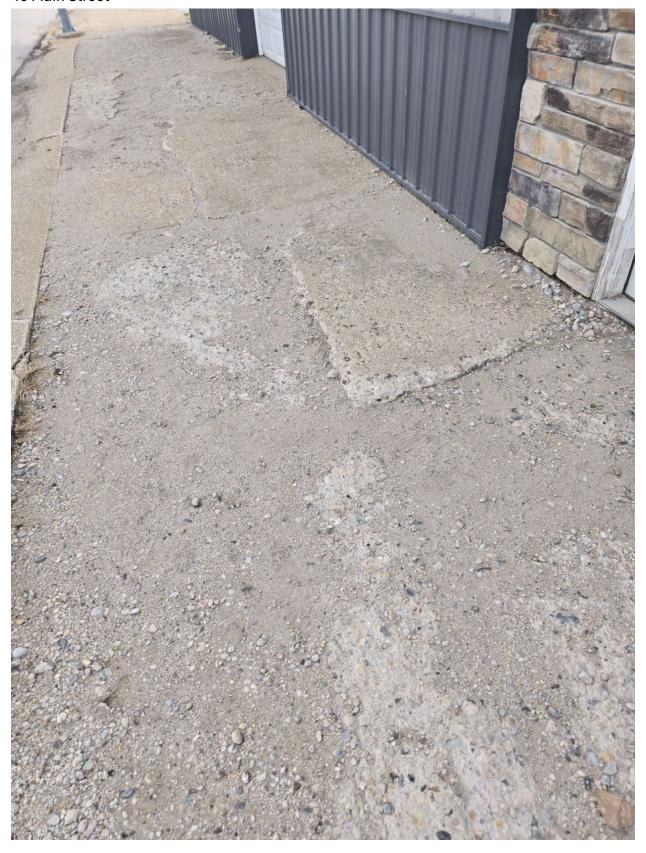
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Under a defined contribution plan, an amount not to exceed \$3000 for each active volunteer is contributed each year to a program trust fund. When a volunteer reaches the entitlement age, he or she has a lump sum equal to the amounts that were contributed to his or her account each year plus investment earnings. Payouts are typically lump sum, but other payout options can be built into the plan such as monthly payments.

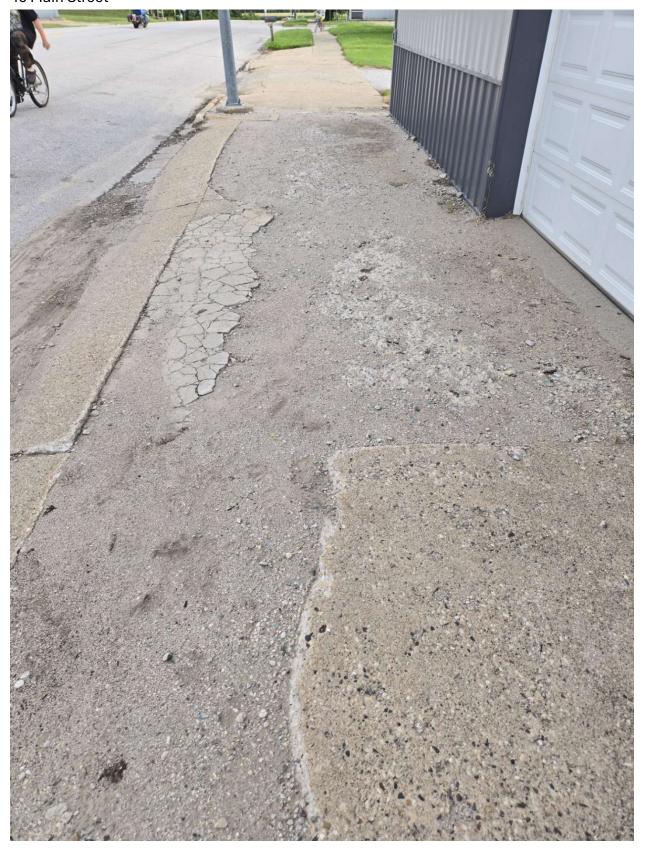
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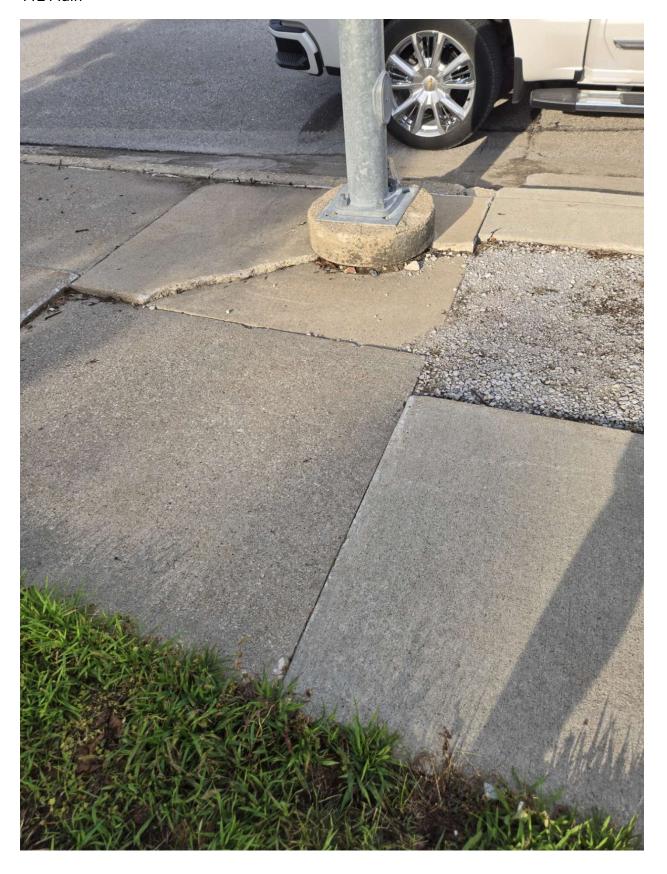
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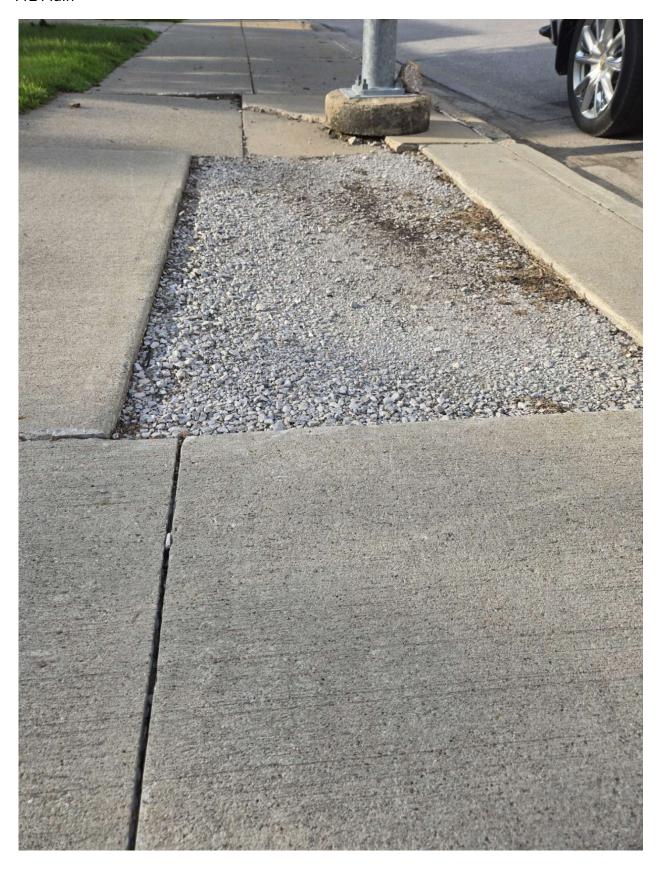


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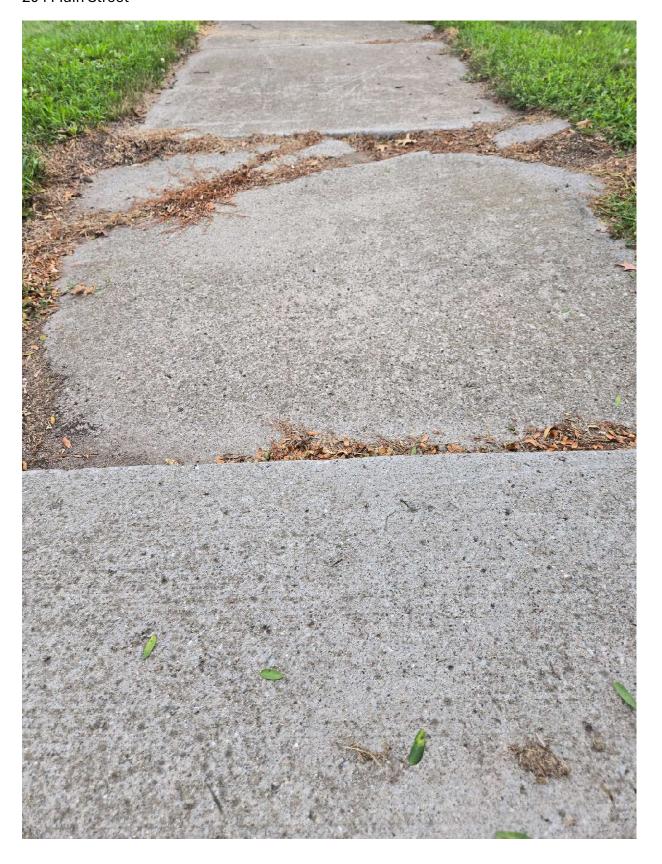


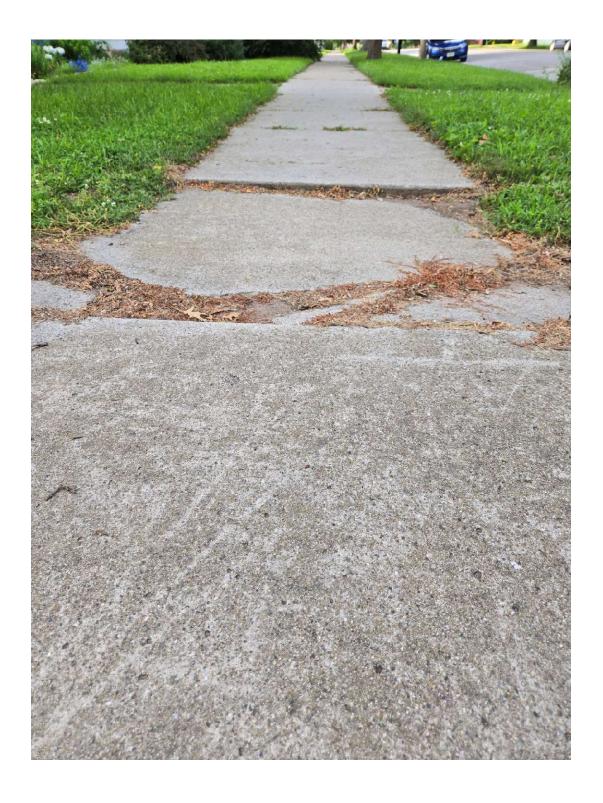
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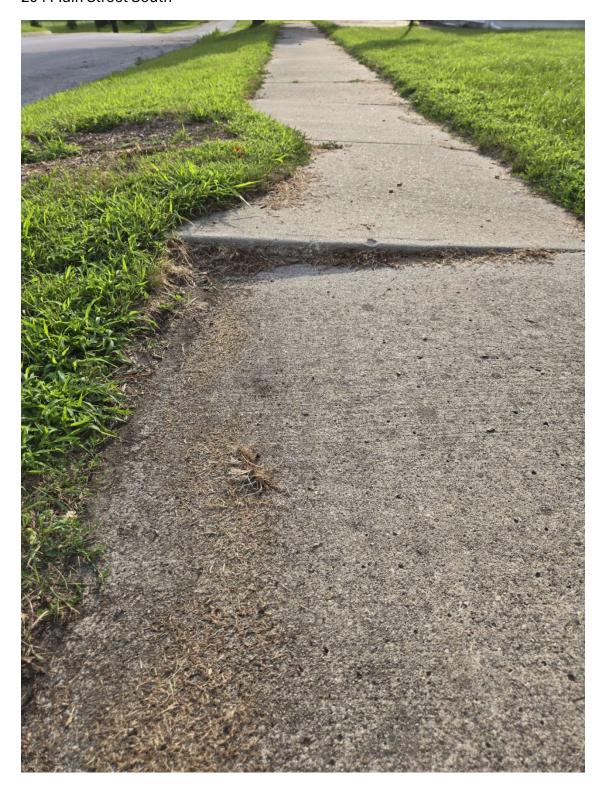




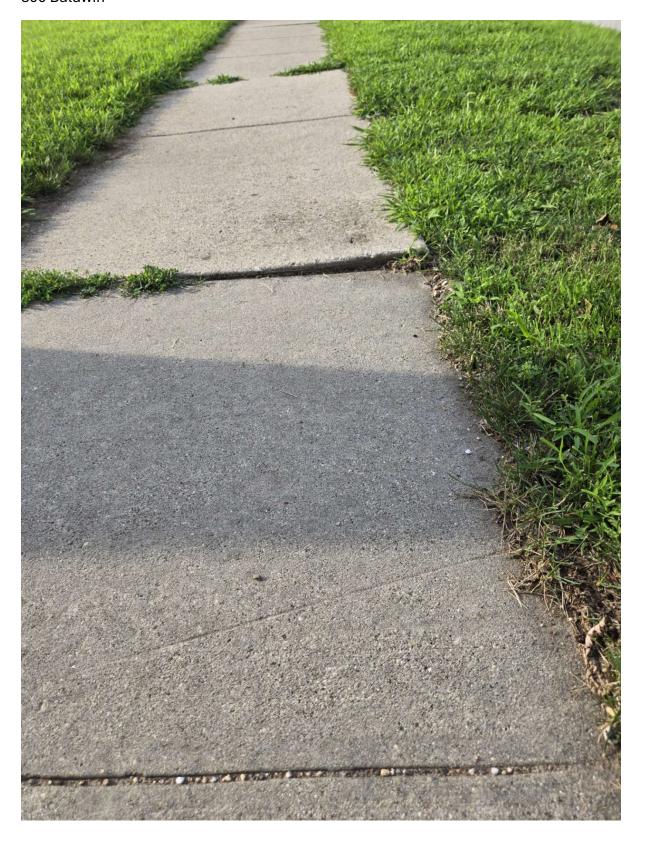
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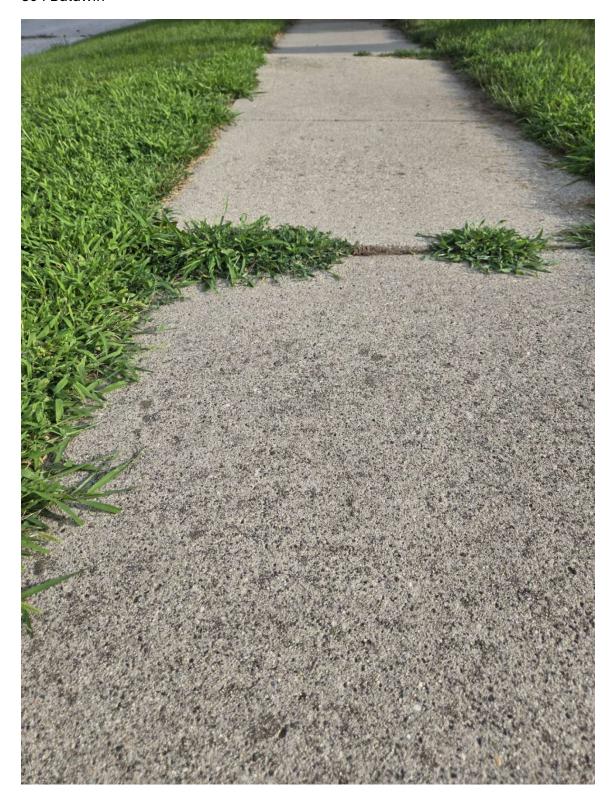
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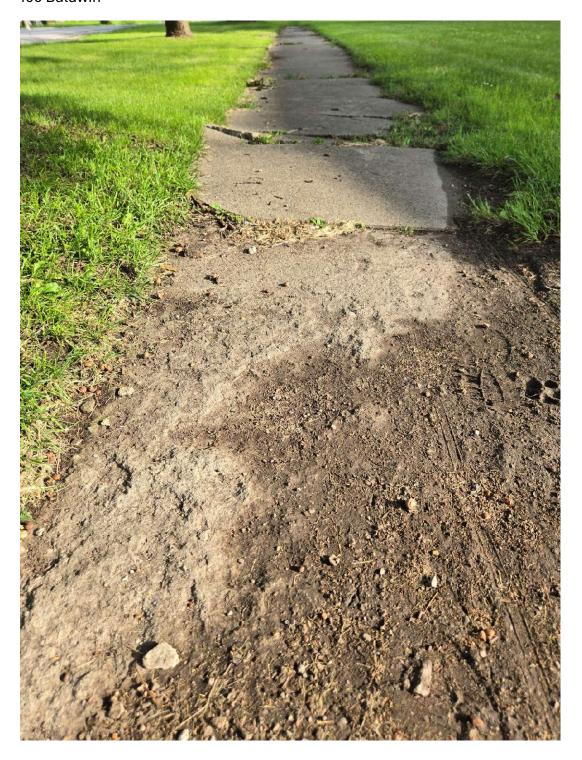
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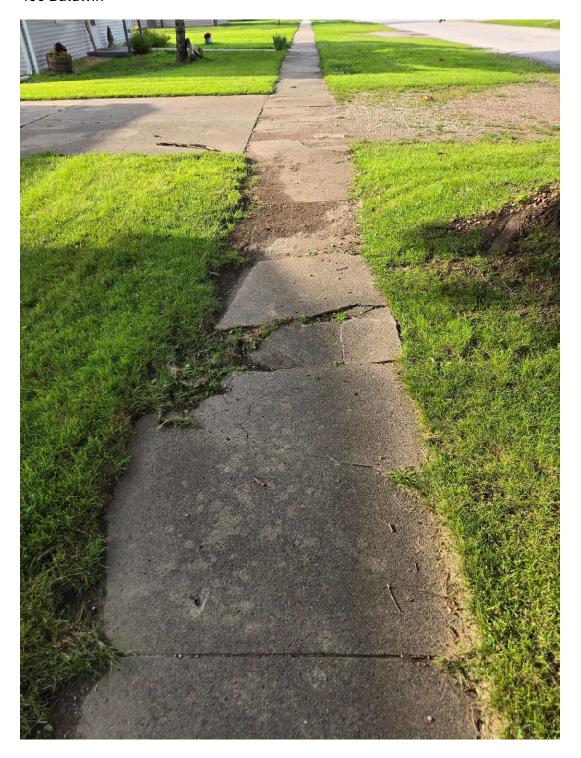
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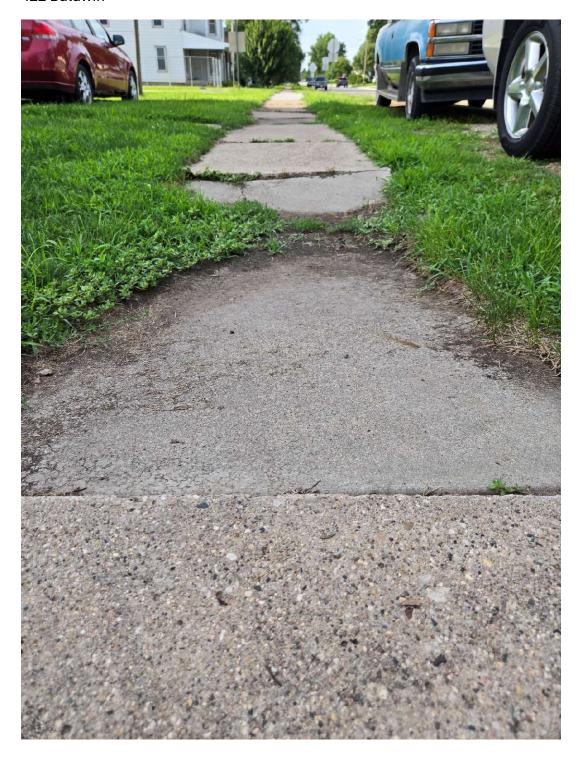
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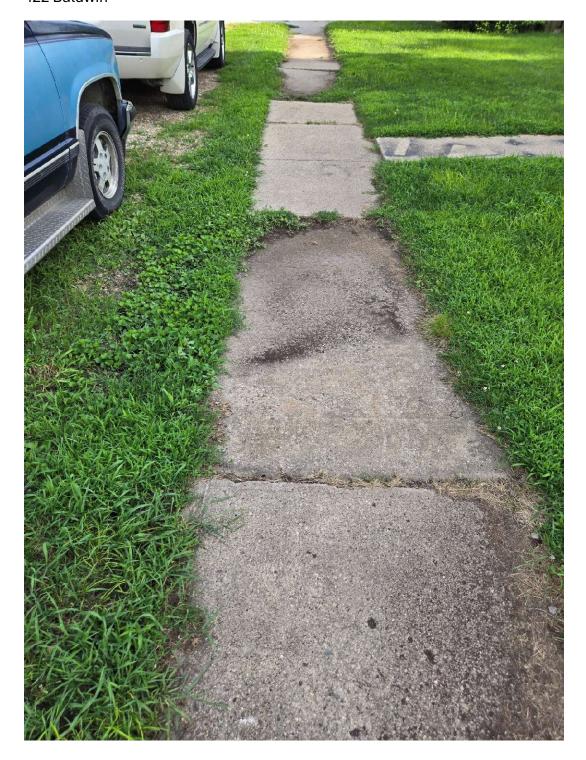
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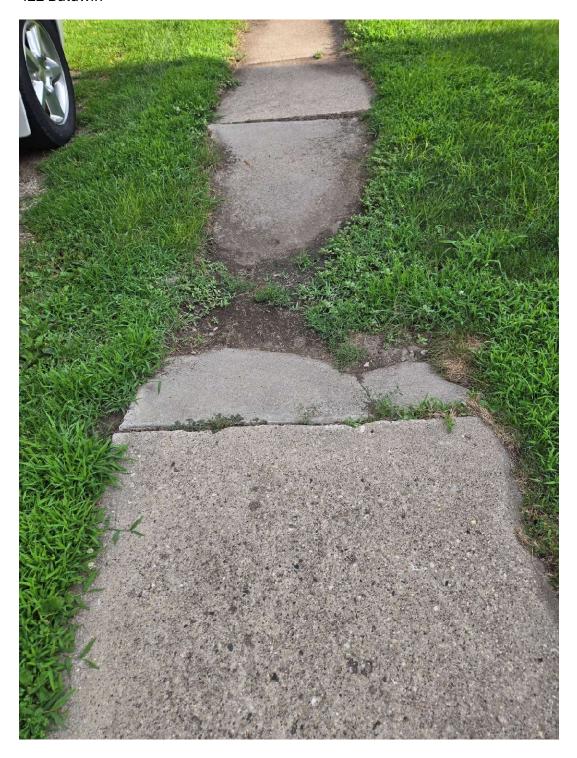
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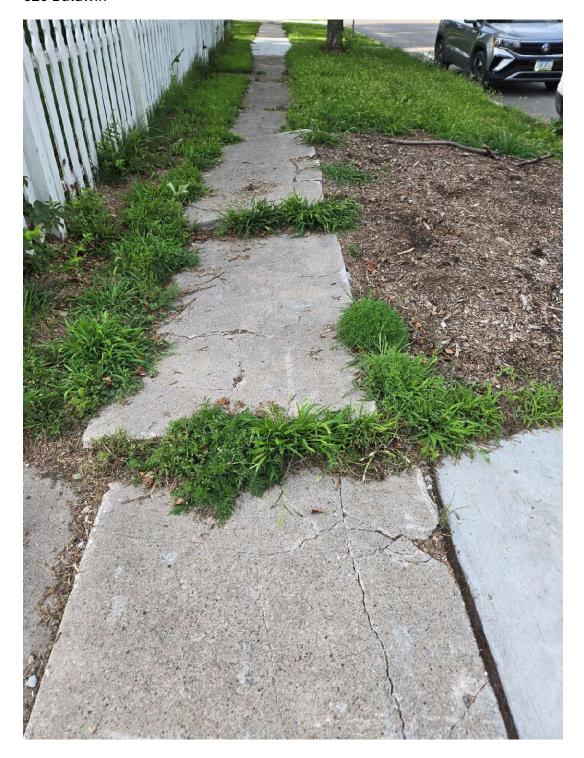
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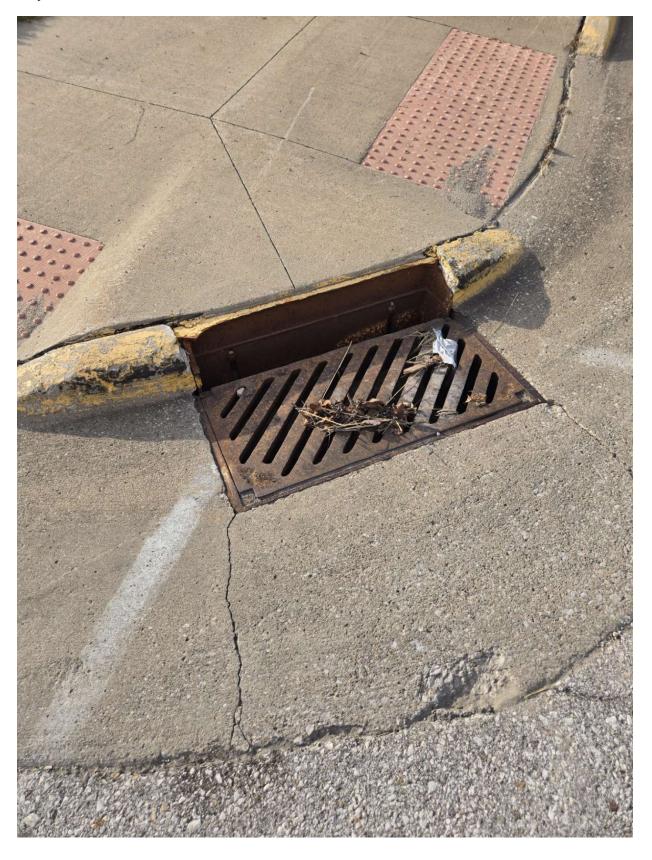
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