



## **HELPFUL TIPS FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

### **Responsibilities for Sidewalk Repairs**

New property owners should be aware of their responsibilities regarding the maintenance and/or repair of the sidewalk that is adjacent to their property.

According to the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, each property owner is responsible for maintaining sidewalks abutting their property in such a condition that the sidewalk will not endanger persons nor interfere with the public convenience. Section 11.08.020 of the Foster City Municipal Code places liability on property owners for personal injuries/damages arising from adjacent defective or damaged sidewalks. Repairing defective and/or damaged sidewalks fronting the property in a timely manner can prevent future liability claims for the property owner.

An encroachment permit is required prior to commencing with the repair work. Encroachment permits and information packets outlining the procedures and requirements for performing the sidewalk repair can be obtained from the City's Public Works Engineering Department at 610 Foster City Boulevard or (650) 286-3270.

### **Parking on City Streets**

According to the Foster City Municipal Code Chapter 17.64.040 , it is permissible to park any type of vehicle (including cars, boats, boat trailers, campers, camper shells and other recreational vehicles) on either City streets or in a front yard driveway for a maximum period of seventy-two consecutive hours. Additionally, a disabled vehicle may be kept, dismantled or repaired in a front yard driveway for up to seventy-two consecutive hours. And a vehicle with a noncurrent registration may remain in a front yard driveway for up to seventy-two consecutive hours. After seventy-two hours, the vehicle must be removed or it may be subject to code enforcement and/or ticketing.

### **Storage of Trash & Recycling Containers**

Residents are encouraged to be courteous to pedestrians using neighborhood sidewalks by placing trash, recycling and yard waste containers as nears as possible to the curb edge of the sidewalk. This leaves the maximum space on the sidewalk for pedestrians. Also, residents are reminded that it is considered a public nuisance to place and/or store trash containers, including those used for recycling materials and landscape clippings "in a location and in a manner such that they are in a front yard, including the driveway, or are visible from the lagoon" except on "days when trash is picked up the by the City's authorized trash removal service or contractor." (Foster City Municipal Code Chapter 9.52.010.) Residents leaving trash and recycling containers out or storing them improperly may be subject to code enforcement action by the City.