

**Subject:** Re: Appeal of Gah Code 903.4 - Sidewalks  
**Sent:** 10/14/2024, 2:33:15 PM  
**From:** Michael Smyntek<[msmyntek@yahoo.com](mailto:msmyntek@yahoo.com)>  
**To:** Jeremy VanMeter  
**Attachments:** [Gahanna Sidewalk maintenance Appeal.docx](#)

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Sorry for all of this, Jeremy. I have paid Angie, and here should be the final updated version...unless I forgot to add something else. Thanks for your patience!

Best,

Mike

On Monday, October 14, 2024 at 02:23:10 PM EDT, Michael Smyntek <[msmyntek@yahoo.com](mailto:msmyntek@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Thanks Jeremy! Let's try this again. See attached.

On Monday, October 14, 2024 at 01:25:29 PM EDT, Jeremy VanMeter <[jeremy.vanmeter@gahanna.gov](mailto:jeremy.vanmeter@gahanna.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mike,

One last thing, *please include: "with the appellant or agent's printed name, address and telephone number."*

#### **JEREMY A. VANMETER**

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**From:** Michael Smyntek <[msmyntek@yahoo.com](mailto:msmyntek@yahoo.com)>  
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Hi Jeremy,

I updated my appeal to include the code that I'll be appealing regarding the sidewalk maintenance. I'm also ready to pay for this appeal, so I'll be calling your office shortly. Please find my appeal attached, which includes my summary as well as photographs of my sidewalk and other "fixed" sidewalks in my neighborhood.

Thanks for all of your help.

Best,

Mike Smyntek

**Appeal Gah. Code 903.4 for sidewalk maintenance in front of 661 Juniper Lane, Gahanna, Ohio 43230**

**RECEIVED**

Appellant's name, address, & telephone number:

Mike Smyntek  
661 Juniper Lane  
Gahanna, OH 43230  
330-569-4412

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BY: *J. Van Meter, Clerk*  
COUNCIL OFFICE

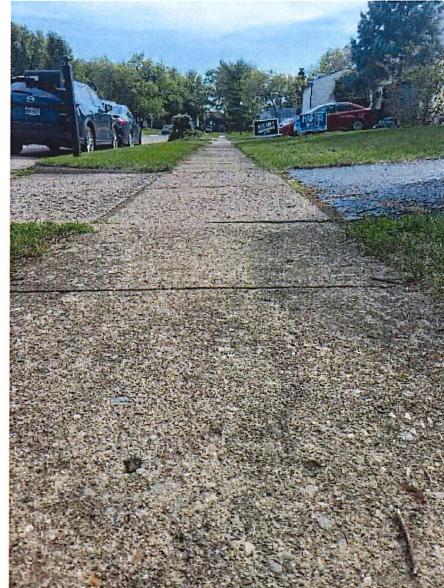
*Appeals shall be in writing, in the form prescribed by law, and shall be filed with the Clerk of Council within 30 days from the date of the action being appealed. The following items shall be filed with each appeal:*

*(1)A concise statement of the reason or legal basis for the appeal, along with a citation of the applicable Code section(s) signed by the appellant or agent, with the appellant or agent's printed name, address and telephone number.*

I am appealing the decision by the Sidewalk Maintenance Program that the sidewalk panels on my property—661 Juniper Lane—are in need of repair, according to Gah. Code 903.4. The Sidewalk Maintenance Parcel exhibit lists six panels in front of my house that need repaired, at an estimated cost of \$1,652. Of those six panels listed, five of the panels are described as having “minor vertical offset” or “other conditions causing unsafe walking surface.” My property does not have—nor has not had—trees along the sidewalk who’s roots may have raised the height of the panels. In addition, at close inspection, there is no noticeable defects to these five panels. I have taken a level (photos attached) that show the panels are even, and do not possess “minor vertical offset” as the parcel exhibit suggests. In addition, I have taken photos of “fixed” sidewalk panels one street over on Mistletoe St. that are far more uneven than the condition and level of my sidewalk. I request to opt out of any sidewalk maintenance repairs I would be responsible for, as the sidewalk in front of my property is level, and the panels in good condition.

*(2)A listing of proposed exhibits not already contained in the record, which shall be signed by the appellant or agent, along with six copies of each of the exhibits.*

Sidewalk in front of 661 Juniper Lane:



“Completed” sidewalk one street over at Mistletoe St. Notice how uneven these sidewalks are, especially in comparison to my own:



(3)A filing fee [of \$50 payable to the City of Gahanna].

## City of Gahanna

### BATCH 2730 PAYMENTS PROOF

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REVENUE: 10101000						50.00	DESC: Smyntek - Sidewalk Appeal	661		
CASH: 9990						50.00	DESC: 661 Juniper Ln		REF2: JV 101424	
1						50.00			MEMO: CUSTOMER- Michael Smyntek	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:										
TOTAL PAYMENTS:						50.00		1		
TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAID:						50.00				
TOTAL INTEREST PAID:						0.00				
TOTAL INTEREST HELD:						0.00				

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GRAND TOTALS			50.00			
TOTAL PAID			50.00			

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TENDER TYPE	QTY	TOTAL AMOUNT
CREDIT CARD1		50.00
	TOTAL :	50.00

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