## Fix Iowa's Sidewalk Liability Gap

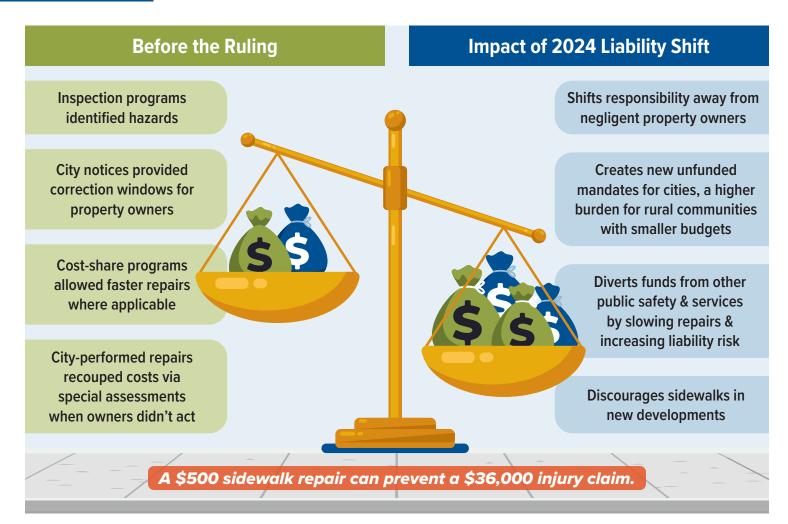
Restore clarity. Protect taxpayers. Keep sidewalks safe.



## WHAT'S CHANGED?

In the *Splittgerber v. Bankers Trust Co.* decision (2024), the Iowa Supreme Court upended prior precedent, shifted liability for certain sidewalk hazards from property owners to cities, and identified the need for legislative clarity.

Cities already had a cost-effective, locally driven process for keeping sidewalks safe through shared responsibility with property owners — supported by education and outreach efforts and prioritizing safety critical areas (schools, senior housing, downtowns, etc.). Cities want to work proactively with property owners to keep their citizens safe by preventing injuries from occurring.



**THE FIX** 

Align Iowa Code to clarify sidewalk liability, restoring the long-standing shared responsibility model that keeps sidewalks safe and prevents injuries.