City of Columbia
Public Works Department

STREET MOVEMENT REPAIR POLICY

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Engineering Division to assure that all public streets in Columbia are constructed properly and to city standards.

2. The City does not assume any responsibility for movement of the Portland Cement Concrete Streets or any subsequent damages to private property.

3. In order to provide a higher level of service to the public, the Public Works Department shall implement the following policies:

   a. Protective Inspection shall provide information to builders about the potential for street movement in certain locations and methods for installing expansion joints to avoid damages.

   b. Where street movement with subsequent damage to streets, curbs or sidewalks has occurred, Street Division shall initiate repairs or replacement at the City's expense.

   c. Where street movement has occurred and caused damage to driveway approaches on residences constructed with building permits dated prior to December 29, 1995, the Street Division shall, upon receipt of a written request from the property owner and verification by Engineering Division that the damages are the result of street movement, replace the driveway approach and install an asphaltic concrete expansion joint provided the property owner agrees to pay for the cost of the concrete for the driveway approach. City crews will not replace or repair driveway or structure damages on private property.

   d. At locations identified by Engineering Division where street movement has occurred or is likely to occur but has not yet caused any resulting damages, Street Division will install expansion joints in accordance with the adopted standards at no expense to the property owners provided a written request is received from the owner and the residence was constructed with a building permit dated prior to December 29, 1995.
THE MOVEMENT OVER TIME OF CONCRETE STREETS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE THERMAL EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION PROPERTIES OF CONCRETE HAS CAUSED DAMAGE TO PRIVATE RESIDENCES IN SOME NEW SUBDIVISIONS IN COLUMBIA WHERE CONCRETE STREETS ARE USED.

IN ORDER TO CONTROL SUCH DAMAGE, THE CITY IS RECOMMENDING THE USE OF ONE OF THE JOINT DETAILS ABOVE WHEN THE DRIVEWAY IS LOCATED AS DEPICTED ON THIS DRAWING.