

September 10 2003

FILE NUMBER

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council File Number 000974

Dear Honorable Members:

On November 10, 2000, the Common Council adopted File Number 000974 setting forth minimum recovery ratios for special assessments. The resolution further directed that the assessment rates be adjusted as necessary to conform with those ratios.

For your information, the 2004 rates are the same as the 2003 rates. This is due to the fact that only a few contracts have been bid so far this year and not enough data is available to analyze the costs from 2003.

In compliance with the council directive, we will implement special assessment rates upon acceptance of this file. Attached are the following five exhibits:

Exhibits "A" and "B" - Charts listing major assessable construction items, date of the last rate change, projected costs, current and proposed special assessment rates.

Exhibit "C" - A chart indicating the affects of the proposed rate change against a typical lot for several types of improvements.

Exhibits "D" and "E" - Charts listing a 30-year history for various types of improvements, their rates and the proposed special assessment rates for 2004.

Exhibit "F" - Chart showing the previous history for assessment rates under the Area Sidewalk replacement program.

We will be pleased to meet with the committee and answer questions concerning the rate changes.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

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