

October 13, 2011

FILE NUMBER

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: 2012 Special Assessment Rates

Dear Honorable Members:

On September 2, 2008, the Common Council adopted File Number 080034 setting forth minimum recovery ratios for special assessments. In addition, File Number 000974 directed that the assessment rates be adjusted as necessary to conform with the ratios.

For your information, we are proposing that the 2012 rates remain the same as 2011.

In compliance with the council directives, we will implement the 2012 special assessment rates upon acceptance of this file. Attached are the following five exhibits.

Exhibits "A" and "B" - Charts listing major assessable construction items, 2009-2011 bid costs including engineering and overhead, 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 2012.

Exhibit "F" - Chart listing assessable items 2009-2011 for the Field Operations sidewalk repair/special request work independent of paving projects.

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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