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File #030695 is a communication from the Infrastructure Services Division transmitting the Special Assessment Rates Report for 2004.

BACKGROUND

1. Section 115-43 of the Milwaukee Code requires the Commission of Public Works annually present updated assessment rate changes to the Common Council in September for information purposes for implementation. The rates are updated based on prior years actual cost experience.
2. The 2001 Adopted Budget included a significant increase in special assessment rates for assessable improvements which increased revenues realized by the city. The 2001 Budget also included design, engineering and indirect costs for the first time with respect to calculation of improvement costs (previously only construction costs were considered).

DISCUSSION

1. The 2004 special assessment rates are unchanged from the 2003 rates, and for illustrative purposes the cost of assessable improvement levied on a property owner in 2004 is shown in the table below.

Impact Of Special Assessments On Residential Homeowner (40 Foot Lot) Reconstruction/Resurfacing

PROJECTS	Current 2003 Assessment Fee	Proposed 2004 Rate	\$ Change 2003-2004	% Change 2003-2004
7" Concrete Pavement	\$2,905	\$2,905	\$0	0.00%
Asphalt Surfacing on Concrete	\$1,355	\$1,355	\$0	0.00%
Asphalt Overlay	\$ 640	\$ 640	\$0	0.00%
Concrete Alley	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	0.00%
Asphalt Alley	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$0	0.00%
Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$0	0.00%
Walk/Driveway	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$0	0.00%

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