

## LRB - FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

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File #040600 is a communication from the Infrastructure Services Division transmitting the Special Assessment Rates Report for 2005.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. Section 115-43 of the Milwaukee Code requires the Commissioner of Public Works to 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. Most of the 2005 special assessment rates are unchanged from the 2004 rates, and for illustrative purposes the cost of assessable improvements levied on a property owner in 2005 are shown in the table below.

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

<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>Current 2004 Assessment Fee</b>	<b>Proposed 2005 Rate</b>	<b>\$ Change 2004-2005</b>	<b>% Change 2004-2005</b>
<b>7" Concrete Pavement</b>	\$2,905	\$2,905	\$0	0.00%
<b>Asphalt Surfacing on Concrete</b>	\$1,355	\$1,355	\$0	0.00%
<b>Asphalt Overlay</b>	\$ 640	\$ 640	\$0	0.00%
<b>Concrete Alley</b>	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0	0.00%
<b>Asphalt Alley</b>	\$ 840	\$ 840	\$0	0.00%
<b>Sidewalk Replacement</b>	\$ 900	\$ 800	- \$100	-11.1%
<b>Walk/Driveway</b>	\$ 840	\$ 750	- \$90	-10.7%

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