

# City of Minneapolis

## Request for Committee Action

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
**Date:** 10/11/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Public Works Department  
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**File Type:** Action  
**Subcategory:** Assessment

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**Subject:**

Non-governmental Tax Exempt Parcel Street Maintenance Assessment: Setting Public Hearing for Nov 7, 2016

**Description:**

Adopting a report designating the Citywide street maintenance assessment against properties exempt from ad valorem taxation and directing the City clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on November 7, 2016 before the Transportation & Public Works Committee.

**Previous Actions:**

None

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**Ward/Address:**

All Wards

**Background/Analysis:**

The purpose of this letter is to establish the special assessment proceedings for a street maintenance assessment against nongovernmental tax exempt parcels.

The street maintenance assessment methodology and assessment rate was updated in 2009. The City Council approved the methodology and the proposed assessment rate of \$0.01957 per square foot. The rate will remain the same for payable 2017 assessments.

Two types of properties will be receiving a public hearing notice:

1. Properties that were not eligible for the assessment last year but are eligible this year. For example, if a property changed from taxable to tax exempt status in the last year, they will get a public hearing notice for the street maintenance (and street lighting) assessment.
2. Properties that have an increased assessment due to increased assessable area. There are situations where property lines changed in the past year resulting in more assessable area and therefore a higher assessment. While the rate did not change, the increased assessment necessitates notice for the public hearing.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

**Attachments:**

1. Report.

The Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts a report designating that in accordance with procedures set out at Minnesota State Statutes, Section 429.101 and authority derived from special legislation applying to the City of Minneapolis, the City finds it to be in the interest of all citizens that the maintenance of the city street system promotes the general health, safety and well-being of the citizenry and provides a benefit to each and every parcel within the City and further that the cost of street maintenance should be offset by imposing a street maintenance assessment upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation. And further that the City Engineer has presented the details required by Minnesota State Statutes, Section 429, in connection with Street Maintenance District #1 for assessment of the maintenance costs on Minneapolis streets for the convenience and safety of the whole City of Minneapolis area.

A summary of the facts relative to this assessment is as follows:

Number of assessable parcels in the City of Minneapolis – 1,324 approx.  
Total assessable square footage - 28,576,329 approx.  
Annual cost per square foot - \$0.01957.

Further, a public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota State Statutes, Section 429, to be considered for the establishment of said proposed Street Maintenance District #1.