



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

**Date:** October 14, 2008

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Special Assessment Deferment Application for sidewalk repair.**

**Recommendation:**

Adoption of a Committee Report approving the special assessment deferment application submitted by Nancy R. Tufford to defer a new sidewalk repair assessment in the original principal amount of \$772.58 for payable 2009 and subsequent years on property at 3447 Ulysses St NE, PID No. 01-029-24-12-0094.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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(for Ruth Kildow, Senior Citizen Ombudsman)  
Donald R. Elwood, P.E., Director, Transportation, Planning & Engineering

**Approved by:**

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Steven A. Kotke, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

**Presenters:** Suzette R. Hjermsstad, Real Estate Investigator II

**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan:	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	<b>NA</b>	Date

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Business Plan:  Action is within the plan.  Action requires a change to plan.
- Other financial impact: Special Assessments against benefited properties
- Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information:**

By the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 435.193 through 435.195 and City Council Resolutions, 80R-365, passed August 8, 1980 and 93R-134 passed April 16, 1993, the City may defer the payment of special assessments for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. During the period of deferment, simple interest will accumulate on the total principal amount of the assessment. The interest rate is the annual average rate of interest earned by the City in previous fiscal years.

In order for Hennepin County to defer the assessment on the tax rolls, a City Council Resolution is required. The Senior Citizen Ombudsman has reviewed the applicant's qualifications for deferment and is forwarding the following for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Nancy R. Tufford of 3447 Ulysses St NE, Property ID 01-029-24-12-0094 has signed the appropriate papers requesting special assessment deferment (see attached). The assessment for the sidewalk repair was included on the list of properties for a public hearing that was held on October 2, 2008. This deferment would start with the payable 2009 tax year for the sidewalk repair assessment.

Attachment 1 - Senior Citizen Ombudsman cover letters and deferment application.

C: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ward 1  
Ruth Kildow, Senior Citizen Ombudsman

**T&PW** - Your Committee, having considered the special assessment deferment application submitted by Nancy R Tufford (Senior Citizen) to defer the special assessment (Levy 01052, Project 09S05) for sidewalk repair in the original principal amount of \$772.58 for payable 2009 and subsequent years, on the property at 3447 Ulysses St NE, PID 01-029-24-12-0094, legal description; the North ½ of Lot 25 and that part of Lot 26, lying southerly of the northerly 14 feet front and rear thereof, Block 4, "Oak Hill Park", now recommends that the application be approved as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 435.193 through 435.195 and Council Resolutions 80R-365 passed August 8, 1980 and 93R-134 passed April 16, 1993.