



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: October 21, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair, Transportation and Public Works Committee

Subject: **Assessment Public Hearing: Sanitary Sewer Service Availability Charges**

Recommendation:

Passage of a Resolution adopting the assessments in the total amount of \$1,150 for the fees for sanitary sewer service availability charges that remain unpaid.

Previous Directives:

August 21, 2014 – set public hearing in T&PW Committee to be held on October 21, 2014

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____
Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Lisa Cerney, P.E., Director, Surface Waters & Sewers

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval N/A
- Civil Rights Approval Approval N/A
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval N/A

Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification: Public Hearing notices were mailed on October 6, 2014
- City Goals: Natural and built spaces work together and our environment is protected.
- Comprehensive Plan: Consistent

Supporting Information

The Service Availability Charge (SAC) is a one-time fee imposed by Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) to Local Government Units for each new connection or increase in volume discharged to the metropolitan disposal system.

Each Local Government is required to pay any SAC fees. The SAC rate to be charged is the rate in effect at the time of end-user payment to the Local Government regardless of when the permitting process began. MCES charges are with the City of Minneapolis not with the individual permit/license applicants. When unremitted SAC charges from prior years are discovered, the Local Government is responsible for correcting the annual reporting and within 30 days, remitting any amounts due to MCES.

Local government units pass the SAC fee to the permit/license applicant via local ordinances. The SAC fee is usually assigned when a building/plumbing permit or business license is issued for a new building, a remodeling permit, or an expansion of a new business.

There are two businesses that have unpaid SAC fees in the total amount of \$1,150 (see attached Chart). The assessments are to be collected in their entirety on the 2015 real estate tax statements with interest charged on the assessments at 5%.

The property owners were mailed a Notice of Public Hearing letter with the amount to be assessed. Persons who wish to prepay the entire assessment lump sum without interest charges may do so through December 31, 2014.

Attachment: SAC Fees Updated 7/7/14

cc: Mary Ubl

T&PW – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying Resolution adopting the assessments, levying the assessments and adopting the assessment roll for unpaid sanitary sewer service availability charges on the list of properties as on file with the Office of the City Clerk and with the City Engineer’s Special Assessment Office.

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Adopting the assessments, levying the assessments and adopting the assessment roll for sanitary sewer service availability charges (SAC) on the list of properties as on file in the Office of the City Clerk and with the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office.

Whereas, a public hearing was held on October 21 2014 in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 429.101 by authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 473 to consider the proposed assessments as shown on the proposed assessment roll on file in the Office of City Clerk and with the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office, and to consider all written and oral objections and statements regarding this matter;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the proposed assessments against the affected properties on the 2014 SAC Fees list updated July 7, 2014, as on file in the Office of the City Clerk and with the City Engineer's Special Assessment Office in the total amount of \$1,150 as shown on the proposed assessment roll on file in the Office of the City Clerk is hereby adopted and levied;

Be It Further Resolved that the assessments be collected in their entirety on the 2015 real estate tax statements with interest charged at the rate of 5%.

Be It Further Resolved that the assessment roll as prepared by the City Engineer be and hereby is adopted and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of said assessment roll to the Hennepin County Auditor.