



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

**Date:** November 6, 2007

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

**Referral To:** Honorable Don Samuels, Chair Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

**Subject:** **Special Assessment Deferment Applications for water service line repairs and hazardous tree removal.**

### Recommendation:

1. Adoption of a Committee Report approving the special assessment deferment applications submitted by:
  - A. Barbara Boughton to defer a new water service line repair assessment in the principal amount of \$3,740.00 for payable 2008 and subsequent years on property at 4140 Ewing Av S, PID No. 08-028-24-23-0049.
  - B. Patricia Colberg and Lorraine Colberg to defer a new water service line repair assessment in the principal amount of \$7,040.00 for payable 2008 and subsequent years on property at 948 – 18<sup>th</sup> Av NE, PID No. 13-029-24-22-0074.
  - C. Gabriel Thomas and Cynthia Thomas to defer a hazardous tree removal assessment in the principal amount of \$1,850.45 for payable 2008 and subsequent years on property at 1908 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Av N, PID 21-029-24-33-0049.

**Previous Directives:** None

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**Approved by:**

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

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

### 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
- Other financial impact (Explain): Assessment lien against benefited property
- Request provided to the Budget Office 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. Barbara Boughton of 4140 Ewing Av S, Property ID 08-028-24-23-0049 and Patricia and Lorraine Colberg of 948 -18<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Property ID 13-029-24-22-0074 have signed the appropriate papers requesting special assessment deferments (see attached). The assessments for the water service line repairs are included on the list of properties for the public hearing that was held on October 9, 2007. These deferments would start with the payable 2008 tax year for the water service line repairs.

Gabriel and Cynthia Thomas of 1908 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Av N, Property ID 21-029-24-33-0049 have signed the appropriate papers requesting special assessment deferment for a hazardous tree removal that was done in 2007 by the Housing Inspection Division of Regulatory Services. The deferment would start with the payable 2008 tax year for the tree removal assessment.

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

C: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ward 1  
Council Member Don Samuels, Ward 5  
Council Member Betsy Hodges, Ward 13  
Ruth Kildow, Senior Citizen Ombudsman

**T&PW & PS&RS** - Your Committees, having considered the special assessment

deferment applications submitted by:

1. Barbara Boughton (Senior Citizen) to defer the special assessment (Levy 01028, Project 08WTR) for water service line repair in the principal amount of \$3,740.00 for payable 2008 and subsequent years, on the property at 4140 Ewing Av S, PID 08-028-24-23-0049, legal description: Lot 35, Except Alley, Auditor's Subdivision No. 131;
2. Patricia Colberg and Lorraine Colberg (Senior Citizens) to defer the special assessment (Levy 01028, Project 08WTR) for water service line repair in the principal amount of \$7,040.00 for payable 2008 and subsequent years, on the property at 948 – 18<sup>th</sup> Av NE, PID 13-029-24-22-0074, legal description: Lot 1 and the N 20 ft of Lot 2, Block 4, "Harrison St Supplement to East Side Addition to Minneapolis"; and
3. Gabriel Thomas and Cynthia Thomas (Disabled Citizen) to defer the special assessment (Levy 01084, Project 2007) for hazardous tree removal in the principal amount of \$1850.45 for payable 2008 and subsequent years, on the property at 1908- 3<sup>rd</sup> Av N, PID 21-029-24-33-0049, legal description: Lot 7, Block 1, "Beltz' Rearrangement of Bofferdings Addition to Minneapolis",

now recommends that the applications 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.