



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

**Date:** July 27, 2010

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

**Subject:** **Changes on Minneapolis Public Works Sidewalk Assessment Roll for payable 2010 and subsequent years' tax files**

**Recommendation:**

- a. Passage of a Resolution extending the payment term of a sidewalk repair special assessment from 5 to 10 years for property at 5101 James Ave N, PID 11-118-21-11-0200 for payable 2010 and subsequent years' tax files.

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**Approved by:**

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**Presenters:** Suzette R. Hjernstad, RE Investigator II, 673-2401

<b>Reviews:</b>	Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Not applicable
	Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Not applicable
	Policy review Group (PRG)	Not applicable

**Financial Impact:**

Action is within current department budget

**Community Impact:**

Neighborhood Notification: n/a  
Neighborhood Meetings: n/a  
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city  
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable  
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

**Background/Supporting Information:**

Each year the Public Works Department transmits numerous assessment rolls to the County to be levied to the next years' property tax statements. Prior to approving the assessments for any project or repair, a public hearing is held so that any owner/taxpayer may express an opinion or contest their assessment.

The property owner at 5101 James Ave N had a sidewalk repair that was included in the assessment public hearing held on October 6, 2009. The property owner, Renea J. Berzinski, called the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward office to request an extension of the payment term of her assessment from 5 to 10 years due to financial hardship. The total amount of her sidewalk assessment was \$1,492.60 which is within the range of \$150 to \$1500 for a 5-year assessment term, but is closer to the dollar limit of \$1,500 that would have a payback term of 10 years. Her request was not submitted for consideration at the public hearing.

Public Works staff became aware of her hardship situation when she received her property tax statement and had to pay her first half taxes which included the sidewalk assessment. Council Member Barbara Johnson has approved Ms Berzinski's request and asked that we help to accomplish this extension. The annual principal installment will be reduced to \$149.26 from \$298.52. The total special assessment including interest will be reduced to \$210.46 from \$350.77 (payable 2010 property tax statement).

Hennepin County has confirmed that a Council resolution approving the extension of the payback term from 5 to 10 years will remedy the situation.

**T&PW** – Your Committee recommends passage and summary publication of the accompanying resolution directing the Hennepin County Auditor to extend the term of the levied assessment on the parcel identified by Property ID Number 11-118-21-11-0200, also known as 5101 James Ave N, Minneapolis, for taxes payable in 2010 and subsequent years.

**Colvin Roy**

**Extension of Minneapolis Public Works Sidewalk Special Assessment**

**Directing the Hennepin County Auditor to extend the payment term for the sidewalk special assessment for the payable 2010 and subsequent years' tax file described hereinafter.**

Whereas, in accordance with Chapter 10 of the Minneapolis City Charter, The City Council of the City of Minneapolis passed Resolutions in 2009 adopting the assessment rolls as prepared by the City Engineer and ordered the transmittal of certified copies of the assessment rolls to the Hennepin County Auditor for collection to begin on the 2010 real estate tax statements; and

Whereas, there is the following described sidewalk assessment that is being collected in five (5) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with interest.

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

That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Section 15 of the Minneapolis City Charter, the Hennepin County Auditor is hereby directed that the following sidewalk assessment be collected in ten (10) successive equal annual principal installments beginning on the 2010 real estate tax statements with 4% interest.

<u>LEVY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROPERTY ID</u>	<u>ORIGINAL AMT</u>
01052	10S10	11-118-21-11-0200	\$1,492.60