

Special Assessments Guide

Street and Alley Resurfacing and Reconstruction

Special assessments for streets and alleys occur when they are paved. These projects are proposed by the Public Works Department and approved through a public hearing process.

- Streets and alleys wear out due to traffic, weather, and aging materials. Underground utilities can also wear out over time. Utility work can be coordinated to minimize disruption.
- New pavement restores the surface to prevent damage from freezing and thawing water. Street paving projects are also an opportunity to improve access and safety for all users.
- Public Works rates the condition of City streets and alleys. It then recommends streets and alleys for resurfacing or full reconstruction.
- Resurfacing extends the life of pavements. This is before a more expensive and bigger repair is needed.
- Eventually, all pavements need to be fully reconstructed.

Street and alley paving include a special assessment to property owners because it benefits their property. Property owners pay only a part of the project cost. The City pays the remaining costs with other funding. The size of your lot factors into your assessment amount.

Typical street and alley resurfacing/reconstruction costs

- Street resurfacing \$1000 - \$2500
- Street reconstruction \$4000 - \$8000
- Alley resurfacing \$500 - \$1500
- Alley reconstruction \$2000 - \$4000

Prepay to avoid interest by Nov. 15 of the year of paving. You can also pay on property taxes spread over time. Streets: 5 years for resurfacing or 20 years for reconstruction. Alleys: 5 years for resurfacing or 10 years for reconstruction.

You may be assessed more than once if your property is near multiple projects.