

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Transportation & Public Works  
**Date:** 5/3/2016  
**Referral:** N/A  
**From:** Public Works Department  
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**File type:** Resolution  
**Subcategory:** Assessment

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**Subject:**

Water Service Line Repair: Amend Assessment

**Description:**

Passage of Resolution to adopt the assessment for PID 15-029-24-31-0038 in the total amount of \$15,300, reduced from \$20,034, for a water service line repair, levying the assessment and adding it to the assessment roll to be levied in November 2016 to begin collection on the 2017 property tax statement.

**Previous Actions:**

October 13, 2015 – Assessment public hearing: water and sewer line repairs or replacements.  
August 27, 2015 – Administrative Hearings.  
August 25, 2015 in T&PW committee to set a public hearing for October 13, 2015.

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**Ward/Neighborhood/Address:**

Ward 5

**Background/Analysis:**

Section 509.465 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides a procedure whereby a property owner in need of repair or replacement of a private water or sewer service line may request and authorize the City of Minneapolis to do the necessary work with the property owner having the option of either paying directly through a bill or paying through a special assessment being added to the real estate taxes.

Section 509.465 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances further provides a procedure whereby the City may correct a faulty water service line upon the failure of the owner to do so or agree to do so. If the bill for the corrective work is not paid, the cost may be recovered through the special assessment procedure of Section 509.465 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

The property at 1729 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, also identified as PID 15-029-24-31-0038, had water line work done by the Minneapolis Water Treatment and Distribution Service Division and has not paid the full amount owing through the billing process and has been notified that a special assessment which includes interest, would be added to the real estate taxes.

An assessment letter was sent instructing the property owner to contact Public Works Water Permits and Connections in writing if they had an issue with their assessment. The property owners who wished to appeal their assessment were notified by mail of the location and time of the hearing. This property owner did appeal the assessment and the Hearing Officer lowered the assessment after considering the facts of the case.

This amount reflects a reduction as determined by the Administrative Hearing Officer and Director of Public Works from \$20,034 to \$15,300. The assessment would be collected over 5 years beginning on the 2017 real estate tax statements with interest charged 3.6%, being the rate provided for in Section 509.465 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, as amended by City Council action on August 20, 2010.

Information has been provided in the Notices as to how property owners may prepay the assessments in full without interest charges if they so choose.

**Financial Review:**

**No financial impact.**

Special Assessment against benefited property.