

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

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File Type: Action
Subcategory: Assessment

Subject:

Non-governmental Tax Exempt Parcel Street Light Operation Fee Assessment: Setting Public Hearing for Nov 7, 2016

Description:

Adopting a Report designating the Citywide street light operations assessment against properties exempt from ad valorem taxation and directing the City Clerk to give notice of a public hearing to be held on November 7, 2016 before the Transportation and Public Works Committee.

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

The purpose of this letter is to establish the special assessment proceedings for a street light operations fee assessment against nongovernmental tax exempt parcels.

The street lighting assessment methodology and assessment role was updated in 2009. This process included public meetings and an assessment public hearing for all assessed properties. The 2017 assessment rate is the same as the 2009 through 2016 rate (\$0.00392 per square foot). Therefore, only two types of properties will be receiving a public hearing notice:

1. Properties that were not eligible for the assessment last year but are eligible this year. For example, if a property changed from taxable to tax exempt status in the last year, they will get a public hearing notice for the street lighting (and street maintenance) assessment.
2. Properties that have an increased assessment due to increased assessable area. There are situations where property lines changed in the past year resulting in more assessable area and therefore a higher assessment. While the rate did not change, the increased assessment necessitates notice for the public hearing.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. Report.

The Minneapolis City Council hereby adopts a report designating that in accordance with Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 431, passed Aug. 14, 2009 relating to imposing a street lighting fee upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation (said Chapter 431.20 determining the City finds it to be in the interest of all citizens that the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of street lighting promotes the general health, safety and well-being of the citizenry and provides a benefit to each and every parcel within the City and further that the cost of street lighting operations should be offset by imposing a street lighting fee upon benefited parcels that are otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxation), and that the City Engineer has presented the details required by said Chapter 431 in connection with proposed Street Lighting Project No. 1337 for assessment of the operation costs on street lighting for the convenience and safety of the whole City of Minneapolis area.

A summary of the facts relative to this assessment is as follows:

Number of assessable parcels in the City of Minneapolis - 1,324 approx.

Total assessable square footage - 28,576,329 approx.

Annual cost per square foot - \$0.00392.

Further, a public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 7, 2016 in accordance with the provisions of Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 431 to consider the establishment of said proposed Street Lighting Project No. 1337.