



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

**Date:** November 15, 2011

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

**Referral To:** Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair Regulatory Energy & Environment Committee

**Subject:** **Special Assessment Deferment Application for Water Service Line Repair, Cut Grass/Weeds Charge and Unpaid Admin Citation Fee**

**Recommendation:**

Adoption of a Committee Report approving the special assessment deferment application submitted by Muriel L. Babcock, a senior citizen, to defer a new water service line repair assessment in the principal amount of \$6,300, a cut grass/weeds assessment in the principal amount of \$132.50 and an unpaid admin citation fee in the principal amount of \$220 for payable 2012 and subsequent years on property at 3049 Tyler St NE, PID No. 01-029-24-33-0069.

**Previous Directives:**

None

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Don Elwood, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning & Engineering

**Approved by:**

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

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

**Financial Impact**

Assessment lien against benefited property

**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 Services Ombudsman has reviewed the applicants' qualifications for deferment and is forwarding the following for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Muriel L. Babcock of 3049 Tyler St NE, Property ID 01-029-24-33-0069 is a low-income senior who qualifies for deferment of the following assessments and signed the appropriate papers requesting special assessment deferments. The water service line repair that will be levied to the property taxes starting in 2012 is in the original principal amount of \$6,300. This property was included on the list of water service line repairs approved for assessment at a public hearing held on September 27, 2011. This deferment would start with the payable 2012 tax year.

Minneapolis Housing Inspections Services has assessed \$220 for an unpaid admin citation fee and \$132.50 for a cut grass/weeds charge that would be levied to payable 2012 taxes also. These assessments are included on the Application for Deferral.

C: Council Member Kevin Reich, Ward 1  
Ruth Kildow, Senior Services Ombudsman

**T&PW** - Your Committee, having considered the special assessment deferment application submitted by:

1. Muriel L. Babcock (Senior Citizen) to defer the special assessments (Levy 01028, Project 12WTR) for a water service line repair in the original principal amount of \$6,300, for payable 2012 and subsequent years, (Levy 01081, Project 2011) for a cut grass/weeds charge in the original principal amount of \$132.50 for payable 2012 and (Levy 01089, Project 2011) for an unpaid Admin Citation Fee in the original principal amount of \$220 for payable 2012, on the property at 3049 Tyler St NE, PID 01-029-24-33-0069, legal description: Lot 28 and the S 2 ft of Lot 29, Block 11 "Chute Brothers First Addition to the city of Minneapolis",

now recommends that the application 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.