

What is a Special Assessment Policy?

Minnesota State Law, Chapter 429.010 to 429.111 grants power to a municipality to make public improvements such as sanitary sewers, storm sewers, street improvements including grading, curb and gutter, surfacing, sidewalks, street lighting, etc.

The Statute further provides that the cost of any improvement may be assessed upon property benefited by the improvement based upon benefits received. It also defines the petition process for improvements, the assessment procedure and the assessment appeal process.

The total cost of a public improvement includes the following:

Contract cost plus 15 percent for Engineering, 2 percent for Administration, 1 percent for Legal Fees, 1 percent for assessment rolls management, 1 percent for bonding costs, plus right-of-way costs and temporary funding charges, plus assessable charges from other governmental agencies (i.e. Sewer Board), plus any assessable costs previously incurred by the city.

You can view our Special Assessment Policy [here](#).