

# MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Peter C. Daniels, P.E., City Engineer

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**RE:** **Communication regarding 2019 Special Assessment Rates**

The Engineering Department is recommending **no change** in the 2019 special assessment rates. The bids we received in 2018 revealed a **3% decrease** in the cost of constructing concrete streets when compared to last year. While the special assessment rates have been keeping up with inflation in recent years, the rate increases have not erased the losses from previous decades of inflation. Over the last 20 years, the fluctuations in cost increases to the City have alternated between steep increases of as much as 18% in a single year to small decreases in other years, as has happened this year, where costs have actually declined for a new concrete road. As a result, the current special assessments charged to the property owners still only recoup 20% to 40% of the total paving cost for a standard 30' wide street. Therefore the Engineering Department is recommending **no change** in the special assessment rates so that the rates do not lose any further purchasing power relative to past inflationary movement.